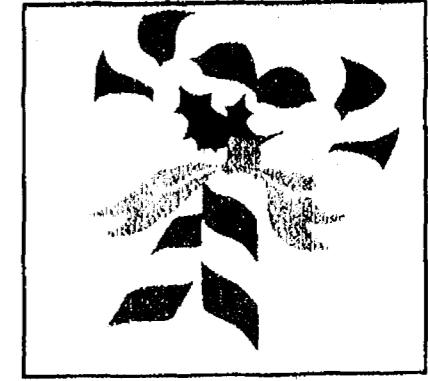


# Happy Holidays



# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



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## Most wanted list nets one, new fugitive added

► Wanted criminal found to be in prison for life... for first degree murder

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Less than two weeks after launching its Ten Most Wanted list at web site [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org), the Crawford County Sheriff's Office announced one fugitive has been located.

Escaping the death penalty, William Ray Adkins, age 54, was found to be serving out a "mercy" life sentence for first degree murder at the Mt. Olive Correctional Center in West Virginia.

According to Martha Sparks, webmaster of the Internet site [www.mywvmountain.com](http://www.mywvmountain.com), which archives the synopses of local news stories in West Virginia, Adkins was a resident of Stone Branch, WV after returning from Michigan. He pled not guilty to the murder of Anthony Shawn Dingess for reasons of self defense at his trial which began March 29, 2000.

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## City of Grayling increases water, sewer rates

► Average city water/sewer bill to go up \$5 per quarter (three months)

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Acting on the advice of city auditors and a recommendation by the city manager, the Grayling City Council voted 4-1 last week to increase city water and sewer rates by about five percent.

The city recently went through a routine audit of its finances. Mayor Dave Wyman said the audit went well and revealed very few problems, but the auditors did note that the city's water and sewer fund is still operating at a deficit.

The city's water and sewer fund, which by law is supposed to be self-supporting through user fees, has not been taking in enough money to cover expenses related to water and sewer operation.

"The auditors have been telling us we need at least an inflationary increase every year," City Manager Allen Lowe said.

Lowe provided the council with a set of recommendations with regard to the water and sewer fund.

The council approved the recommendations with a 4-1 vote.

## Deputies' Christmas trees a big hit with community



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Recently retired Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Coors and Corrections Officer Paul Hill stand with a few unsold trees left on their association's lot in front of KMart earlier this week. Coors said this past weekend saw the best sales ever and Hill said the community's support has been terrific, as usual. As of Monday at 12 noon, only 10 trees remained of the over 180 purchased by the association. Although scheduled to sell trees through December 21, the deputies do not believe supplies will last that long. Proceeds from the tree lot go to help pay for activities throughout the year for area youth. For more, see Page 3A.

## Drunk drivers beware: focus is now on you!

Local law enforcement agencies are continuing their combined holiday campaign to help prevent traffic deaths and injuries.

Over the past few weeks, the "Click It or Ticket" campaign has focused on those not wearing their safety belts. Over 100 tickets were issued. The next issue to be addressed is drinking and driving.

Nearly 40 percent of fatal crashes on Michigan roads are alcohol-related. As part of the statewide "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" campaign, the Michigan State Police, Crawford County Sheriff's Office and the Grayling City Police Department are working to reduce the number of alcohol-related traffic crashes on roadways in Crawford County.

"Part of our message," said Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, "is to plan ahead before you drink."

Wakefield, along with Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner and Michigan State Police Houghton Lake Post Commander Lt. Dave Mertz are urging motorists to appoint a sober, non-drinking "designated driver" to help make sure everyone arrives home safely.

They also suggest making prior arrangements to stay the night somewhere instead of driving home, or call someone for a ride.

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## Local man fined over \$1,000 for giving alcohol to young teens

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The man accused of providing alcohol to a group of young teens last summer has pled guilty to the charge, avoiding a jury trial originally scheduled next March.

On November 19, Matthew Michael Wakeley, age 20 of Grayling, was sentenced to the maximum penalty allowed by state law. He was ordered to pay \$1,280 in fines and court costs or spend 60 days in jail by 83rd District Court Judge John G. Hunter.

He was also placed on six months probation.

Wakeley was 19 years old at the time he met up with a group of teens, ranging in age from 14 to 15 years old, hanging out in the Grayling city park the afternoon of July 23.

One 14-year old girl was hospitalized for alcohol poisoning when she drank more than she could handle.

Being under the legal drinking age of 21, no information has been released by the Grayling City Police regarding how Wakeley obtained the alcohol he shared with the teens.

## There's one more chance to see Santa Claus!



Photo by Linda Gohlick

Many local children had breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus on December 7 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association. There is one more chance for kids to tell Santa what is on their lists and that's this Friday, December 20, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Frederic Fire Hall in Frederic. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy some hot cocoa and visit with the jolly old elf before he returns to the North Pole to get ready for Christmas. For more information, call Nicole Owens at 348-8190.

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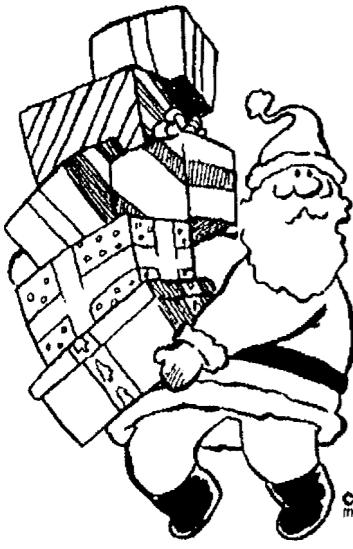
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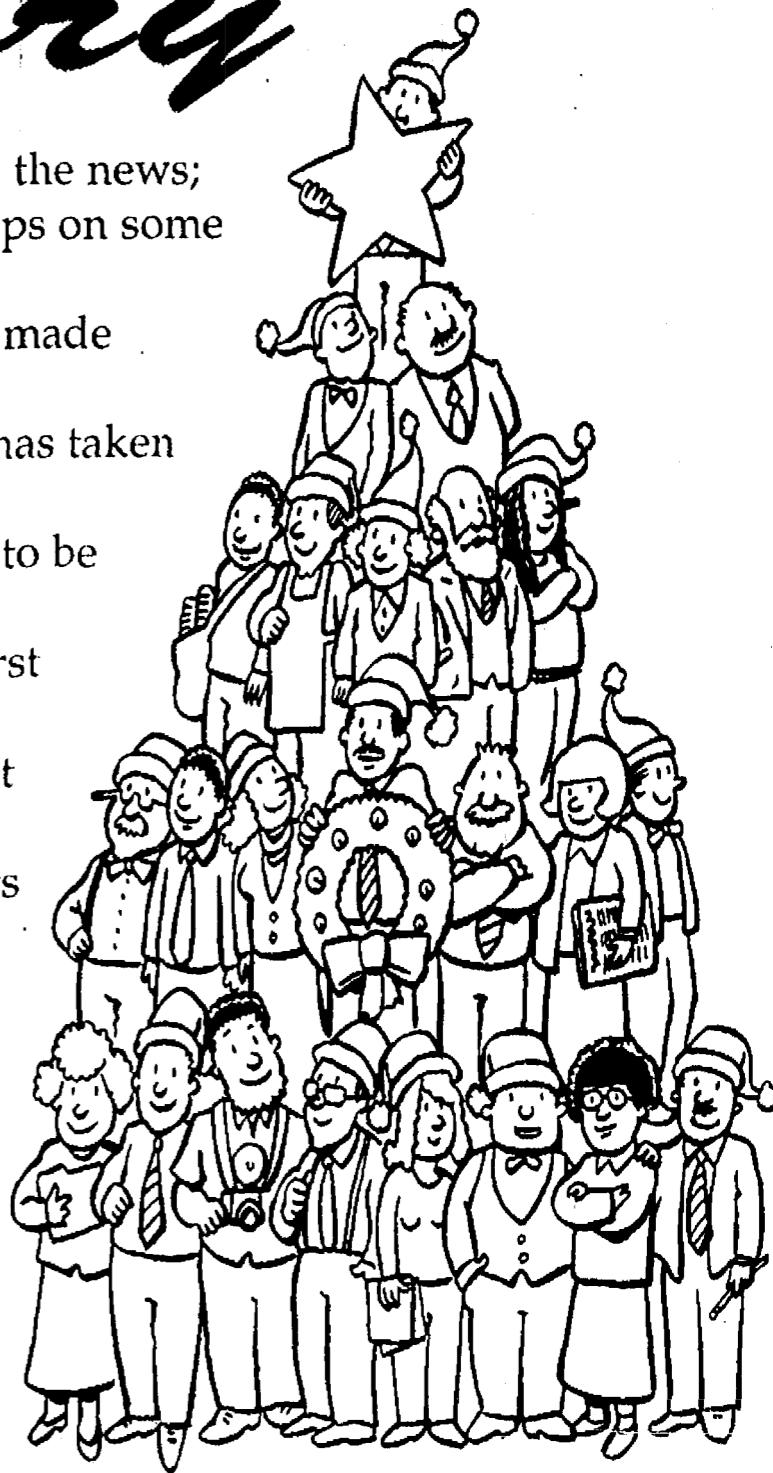
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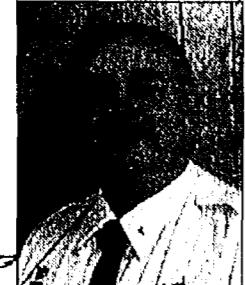


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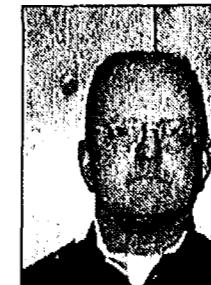
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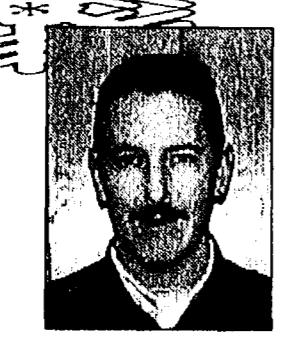
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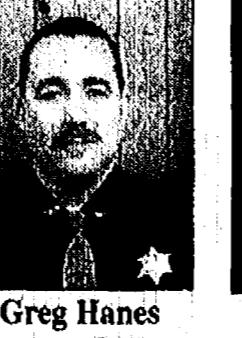
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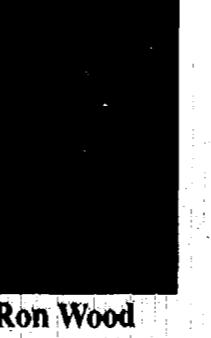
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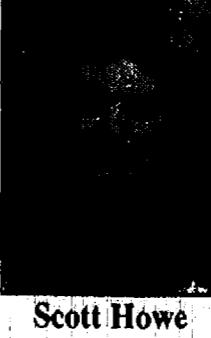
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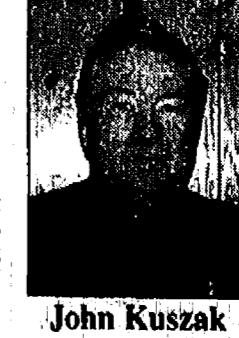
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## **Victims of abuse, crime have new tool in court**

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

For years in Crawford County, victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or abuse, and other crimes have had to face the stares of the accused and their supporters when testifying in a criminal case. A new tool being used by the Victim Rights Advocate's office may lessen the discomfort of taking the stand.

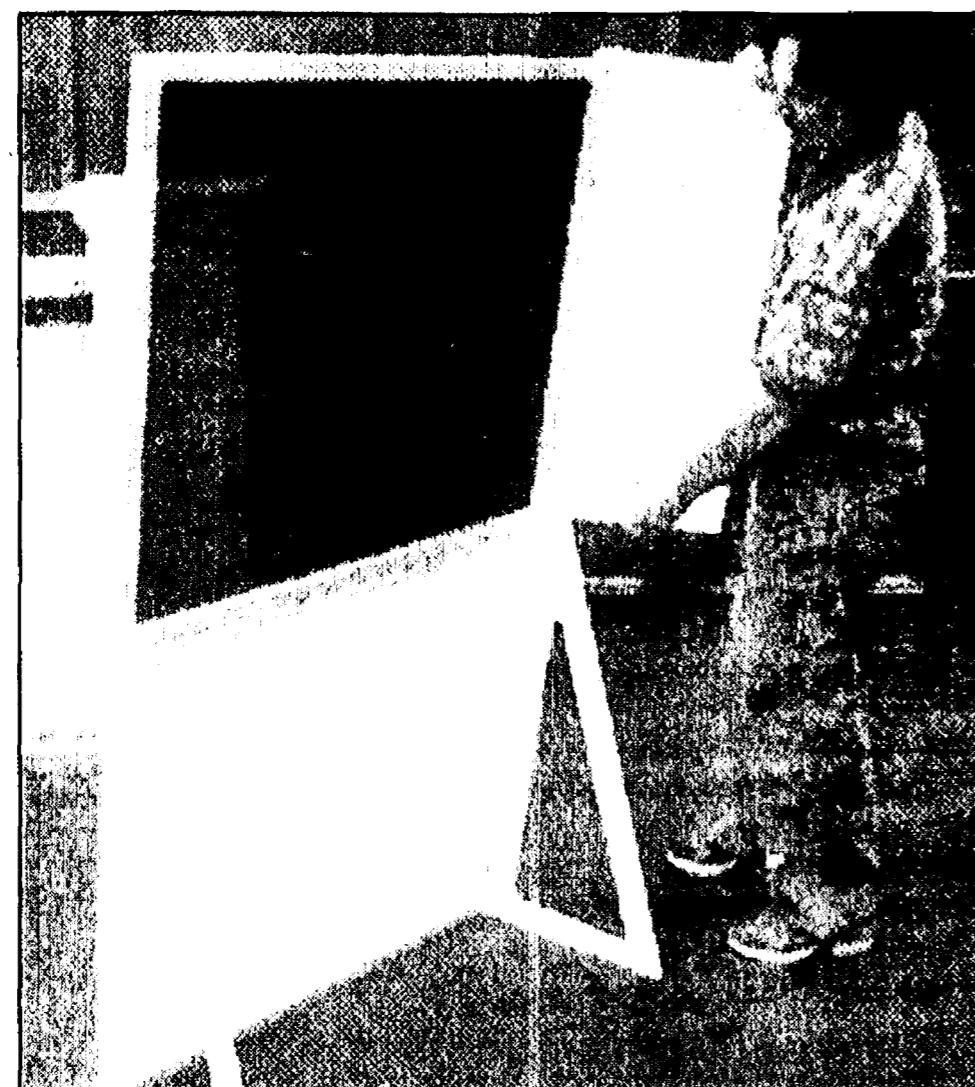
While it is seldom easy to testify in court under any circumstances, giving testimony against an assailant can be especially difficult, said Sharon Huss, Crawford County's Victim Rights Advocate.

The majority of the cases referred to Huss' office concern domestic violence and sexual assault, where the victim knows his or her assailant. Victims in these cases may have a difficult time facing someone they know and recounting the frightening details of the crime.

Huss is responsible for helping people through the shock and emotional upheaval following a crime and to help them understand the legal process of a criminal case in the local courts.

She said she has to be a good listener and "a shoulder to cry on" for the vast majority of her clients who are plunged into the confusing world of the criminal justice system, most for the first time and due to no fault of their own.

Because victims are very often emotionally fragile, Huss has spent about \$1,000 of her state grant-funded budget to purchase a witness screen to shield victims from



**The Crawford County Victim Rights Advocate's office is now using a witness screen in court cases where crime victims and witnesses may be too frightened to testify face to face with the accused.**

uncomfortable looks in the courtroom.

The portable screen works similar to a two-way mirror. The victim or witness sits on the stand, separated by the screen from the defendant and his or her supporters, usually seated behind the defendant and his or her attorney. The defendant, who

has the right to face his or her accuser, is able to see the witness or victim, but the victim or witness is unable to see the face of the defendant or his or her supporters, thus creating a less stressful situation during testimony.

The screen is especially helpful, Huss said, when a child must testify

against an abusive parent or other adult in their household or family -- especially those who have suffered sexual abuse. She said child victims are often more vulnerable than adult victims to persuasive or threatening looks from the abuser. The screen eliminates visual intimidation during testimony.

Huss said the only way to decrease or stop the instances of abuse is to find ways for victims to complete the process of bringing abusers and assailants to justice. Once a victim brings the problem to the attention of law enforcement, he or she must be willing to continue through perhaps months of court hearings and unpleasant testimony -- and not give up or back down.

"The abuser or criminal needs to know the victim is serious about stopping the abuse or convicting the person who has made a violation against them, and that they are not afraid to speak up," said Huss.

The screen has already proven its worth in a recent sexual abuse case involving a local family, she said, allowing the victims to testify without being forced to look at their abuser.

Crawford County's Victim Rights Advocate office is the first in the state of Michigan to purchase and put to use a witness screen. Huss said she demonstrated the screen recently for a group in Lansing. Now four other counties have purchased the screen and many more are seriously considering acquiring a screen for their courtrooms.

To reach Huss, call 344-3248.

## **Deputies' Christmas trees a big hit with community**

► Holiday tree sales help pay for local kids' activities all year round

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Each year, the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association (CCDSA) sets up shop in the parking lot of Kmart, in Grayling, to peddle their Christmas trees, with the hopes of funding activities all year long for local kids.

The activities always focus on safety, such as the spring Bicycle Safety Rodeo and Halloween safety

education that includes a reflective treat bag for each child. But the sale of Christmas trees also funds the very important "Cops for Kids" holiday program.

The Cops for Kids program puts deputies together with local at-risk children for a shopping trip to buy needed items such as hats, mittens and other clothing. The outing creates friendships and a boost to the self-esteem of the kids involved.

It's pretty rewarding and heart-warming for the deputies, too.

To the families of the children, food baskets are donated by the Grayling Eagles.

With Christmas ever so near, the deputies have pretty much sold

every one of the 185 trees they purchased this year at cost from a Kalkaska tree farm. Together with their spouses, they have been willing to brave winter's chill for the cause for many years now. High school students in need of community service hours have also volunteered at the lot.

Offered this year were Scotch Pines at \$15 each, Blue Spruce at \$25 each, or the choice of a Douglas Fir or a Black Hills for \$30. There is always a variety of shapes and sizes from which to choose.

For those didn't buy a tree from the deputies' lot this year, but would still like to help with their only official fund-raiser of the year, monetary donations are welcome. Checks and money orders should be made payable to "CCDSA" and mailed in care of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI

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Any questions about the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association and its good works may be directed to Theresa Andrews, treasurer of the CCDSA, at 344-3213.

The Christmas tree lot tradition will continue next year.

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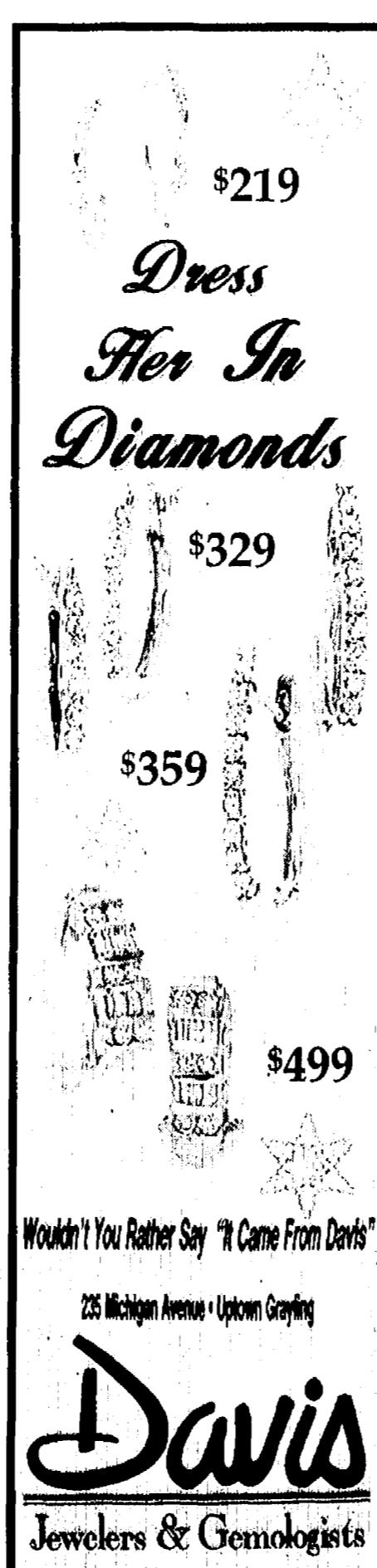
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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

## Does Michigan really need year-round legislature?

MAKING LAWS in Michigan is a sight to behold.

The 92nd Michigan legislature, for example, has been in office since January 1, 2000. Yet two years later, it is scrambling to finish its work before it dies.

The crunch is that any proposal introduced since New Year's day in 2000 and not enacted by year end 2002 dies as the 92nd Legislature goes out of existence.

So why aren't all these things taken care of before the pre-Christmas crisis? The Michigan legislature, after all, is a full time year around job, so why the rush at the end?

Some items the lawmakers handled are of recent vintage -- such as Governor John Engler's laundry list of budget cuts to live within the legal requirement to balance the state budget.

Some things were late entries in some legislator's head -- such as increasing from \$40 to \$250 the amount auto dealer's can charge for paper work on a new car sale.

Most matters have been simmering for

months or even years -- permission for yet another Indian casino in Allegan County this time, or modifying the state's hold on the Detroit public school system, or eliminating compulsory prison terms in some drug cases thus giving judges more discretion.

Some late year actions were good -- such as ending compulsory sentencing. Some were not so good -- such as hiking the auto dealers' paper work charge. But they all were caught in the year end crunch.

Once the fine print in these lame duck actions becomes clear, some surprises may have slipped into law. Some obscure "clarifying amendments" that somehow sneak into law have been known to yield unheralded results.

But anyway, the 92nd Legislature is done now ... or is it? The lawmakers may come back again before year's end to tie up even more loose ends. It's possible.

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ARE TERM LIMITS at blame for hurry-up year end confusion?

Under term limits adopted by voters a few years ago, 24 of 110 house members, and 28 of 38 senators are forced to leave office.

With them goes a combined total of almost 500 years of experience in the Michigan legislature.

The problem with Michigan lawmaking is not term limits. The problem is that the legislature is full time and meets year around.

Since the legislature became a career instead of a public service, it rarely adjourns until sometime in December. The legislature convenes each January, then recesses several times throughout the year, and meets again in December to close up shop.

That's the way it's been for about the last 40 years or so. Before that, Michigan's legislature was part time, with part time pay and limited sessions.

Most states do not have full time legislating. In most states the legislature meets for a limited period early in the year and must have its work done in a specified time -- usually 90 or 120 days. Then the legislators go

home, and live more like normal citizens.

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IN MOST STATES, the legislature is not a career. In Michigan it is, with pay levels now at about \$85,000, and a plush retirement program, which includes lifetime medical insurance.

Michigan's full time lawmaking system costs huge tax dollars not only for pay and fringes for the members, but also for a huge legislative staff, some of which is duplicated twice -- house to senate, then again legislative to executive.

With a part time legislature, the state could abandon some legislative office buildings in downtown Lansing, perhaps using them for other state purposes thus bringing a moratorium on building even more state offices.

No one who is or has been a member of the legislature in recent years will agree with this reasoning. They will insist they worked long hours and were busy all the time doing the people's business.

Even with professional full time lawmakers, working long hours, the state somehow is once again in crisis, unable to provide necessary services and the money to pay for them.

That's not very convincing testimony for the theory that a full time professional legislature is the best way to do the people's business .... even considering those 52 departing lawmakers, with bulging staffs and all those 500 years of experience, who have been running things for quite a while now.

Maybe it's time to try another way -- a part time system, with citizens legislators, not professionals, which is what the founders of our country had in mind all along.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

## FINANCIAL

## A little tax planning now can pay off in April

This time of year it's not the tax man we're waiting for, but rather a rotund guy dressed in red and bearing gifts. Before you get swept up in holiday festivities, you might want to turn your attention to a little end-of-year tax planning that can reduce your taxable income. Think of it as a holiday gift to yourself that you will open next April 15.

"We know income taxes aren't a priority this time of year," says Suzanne Hunstad, a spokesperson for IHateFinancialPlanning.com. In fact, a poll of the Web site's users revealed that 51 percent of respondents never think about taxes until April. The site tailors its financial tools and topics for procrastinators and others who resist making

progress with their personal finances.

"If we can get the word to taxpayers that they may be able to reduce the amount they will owe Uncle Sam next spring by acting now, it may motivate them to do a few smart things before the year ends," Hunstad adds.

## What You Can Do At Work

One potential tax shelter is a retirement savings plan. Pre-tax dollars are deposited in a 401(k) or 403(b) account at work. That reduces your current taxable income while helping you build a nest egg for retirement. Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) can accomplish the same goal, but the annual contribution limits are much

less.

Many employers offer flexible spending accounts which allow you to have money deducted from your paycheck for dependent care costs and medical expenses not covered by insurance (i.e., chiropractic care, prescription co-pays, crutches). It's a great way to reduce your taxable income, but plan carefully, because unused dollars must be forfeited at the end of each year. If your employee benefits enrollment has already occurred, you'll have to wait until next year to take advantage of this one.

For teachers, saving school supply receipts will come in handy at income tax time. In 2002 and 2003, educators can deduct up to \$250 of their inevitable classroom purchases on their Form 1040. No itemizing required. "It's not a huge amount, but every little bit helps, especially on a teacher's salary," Hunstad says.

## Some Simple Deductive Reasoning

The government designates a standard deduction, adjusted each year for inflation, designed for taxpayers who don't care to itemize their deductible expenses or may not have enough to qualify otherwise. The standard deduction for individuals for the 2002 tax year is \$4,700, and for married, filing jointly it's \$7,850. Check out these itemized deductions to see if you exceed the standard amount.

- State income taxes
- Personal property taxes
- Home mortgage interest
- Business expenses

Qualified medical and dental expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI).

What's more, you may be eligible for deductions you never knew existed, but be aware that most of these only count if, when added together, they equal 2 percent or more of your AGI. They include:

- Interest on college loans
- License tags for your car
- Out-of-pocket expenses relating to charitable activities, including the standard mileage deduction
- Appreciation on property donated to charity
- Accounting fees for tax preparation

• Losses from casualty or theft

• Commissions and closing costs on the sale of property

• Costs associated with looking for a new job in your present occupation, including fees for resume preparation and employment placement agencies

• Education expenses to the extent required by law or your employer, or needed to maintain or improve your skills

- Dues for labor unions
- Protective clothing required at work
- Subscriptions to professional journals
- Worthless stock or securities (this may be a common deduction in 2002).

## Pay Now, Save Later

It may be worth your while to try to pay some anticipated expenses for 2003 yet this year to increase your deductions:

- Make your January mortgage payment in December, so the payment will be included on this year's 1098
- Give a year-end gift to your favorite charity
- Prepay state and local taxes so you can deduct next year's taxes on this year's return

## Buy Low, Sell High

If you have investments, it's wise to examine their tax status before year-end. Depending on the type of earnings your investments generate in 2002, if any, they may be subject to income taxes. Interest, dividends and short-term capital gains (profits on assets held for less than a year) are currently taxed as ordinary income. Long-term capital gains are currently taxed at a somewhat lower rate, depending on the length of ownership and your tax bracket. If you're in a situation where you have realized capital gains, you may want to offset your tax bill by selling enough of your losing stocks to eliminate the tax you owe. A financial professional can help you with this decision.

Apply a few of these strategies and shape up your income tax situation long before your tax forms arrive early next year. IHateFinancialPlanning.com doesn't offer tax or legal advice, so you may want to seek the advice of a tax professional or certified public accountant to see which of these ideas may work in your particular situation.

For more information go to [www.IHateFinancialPlanning.com](http://www.IHateFinancialPlanning.com). (Courtesy of ARA Content)

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GPA.

GPA members will work in cooperation with the coordinator to help make the parade a very successful event. They will share their experience and contacts, and assist in every way possible.

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# BRIEFS

## Alumni invited to 'Meet the Grads'

Grayling High School will host "Meet the Grads" on Friday, December 20, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Recent alumni of GHS are invited to attend and share their experiences of continuing education, including college and technical or vocational schooling, as well as members of the armed services with high school students considering their options following graduation. All former graduates seeking post secondary education are also cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Teresa Bonamie at 344-3512.

## Secretary of State closed for holiday

All branches of the Michigan Secretary of State's Office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24-25, for the Christmas holiday and will reopen Thursday, December 26 for regular business hours.

## Children's Christmas Party this Saturday

The Grayling Moose Lodge #1162, located at 7970 South Grayling Road in Beaver Creek Township (at the Old 27 split), will host a Children's Christmas Party this Saturday, December 21, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited. Pictures with Santa will be available, with additional pictures at a cost of \$1 each.

## Narcotics Anonymous meetings cancelled

Due to lack of interest and attendance, the Narcotics Anonymous meetings at Saint Francis Episcopal Church held on Wednesday nights are now cancelled, effective immediately.

## Tabernacle to present Christmas play

The Burning Bush Tabernacle, located at 501 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will present the Christmas play, "Home, Sweet Home at Christmas," on Sunday, December 22 at 6 p.m. The play depicts the real meaning of Christmas. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Christmas cookies and desserts will follow the performance. For more information, call Pastor Patty Petrie at 348-8314.

## Eagles to host another Coney Day

The Grayling Eagles will host Coney Day on Friday, December 20, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Get a Coney Island hot dog for \$1 each and french fries for \$1. Dine in or carry out. The public is welcome. The Eagles Club is located on Huron Street (M72) in Grayling. For more information, call the Eagles Club at 348-5287.

## Soul's Harbor to present 'Noel, Jesus is Born'

The Sanctuary Choir and Drama Troupe of Soul's Harbor Worship Center in Roscommon will perform the very moving, "Noel, Jesus is Born," a musical drama depicting the birth of Christ.

Pastor Lawrence Cook said the program will be presented in such a way that each who attends will leave "feeling refreshed in the season of Christmas."

A portion of the presentation will be from King Herod's perspective, portrayed by Don Duggar. This exciting cantata will have Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, the angel Gabriel, and King Herod and

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Soul's Harbor is located at 250 Lake Street (I-75 Business Loop), in the village of Roscommon. A fully staffed nursery will be provided for children three years of age and younger.

The public is invited and all seating is free. However, a free will offering will be received.

For more information, call the church office at (989) 275-5309.

## Grayling Community Choir to present 'Child of Love'

The Grayling Community Choir will present a Christmas presentation entitled, "Child of Love," on Friday and Saturday evenings, December 20-21, at 7 p.m.

The program will be performed in the sanctuary of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

"Child of Love, Christmas in the Eyes of the Creator" is a large musical

work with the addition of simple scenery and some costumed characters. It was written in 1992 and was presented by the Community Choir in December of the same year.

The nucleus of the Community Choir is the Michelson Chancel Choir. During special seasons of the year, they are joined by members of the community to form a choir large enough to present a work such as this.

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## THE POWER SPOT

News from Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools

We have a winner! Although we think of each individual as a winner at the AuSable Primary School, only a selected few could win a turkey from the turkey decorating contest, and they are: Barbie Slater, Brieann Koves, Skyler Mogg, John Verdusco, Robert Jones, Carlie Sloan, Tara Pummell, Victoria Doster, Bradley Charles, Chelsea Smith, Jordan Smith, Tiffany Mitchell, John Vance, Brittany Naumiec, Emily Schans, Jessica Fik, Sierra Dyer, Tristan Hurkmans, and Emily Trudeau.

For Thanksgiving, Ms. Goetz's Kindergarten class spent time preparing feast foods, such as corn muffins and butter, which went perfectly with cranberry sauce (a.k.a. Jell-O) and popcorn.

They had the choice of either being a pilgrim or a Native American and made costumes accordingly. Most importantly, the students discussed and wrote about what they were thankful for this year.

Safety Patrol Student for the month of November is Melissa Eckstrom.

The staff at Grayling Elementary School appreciated all the parents and community members who participated in our school-wide event, "Read for 2003" on December 6. All served as excellent role models for the young students and modeled the importance of reading.

The Kindergarten classes are taking donations for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. A box is located in the hallway for all contributions.

Visit the schools' web site at: www.easd12.net.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

Week ending December 15 - \$25 each - Steve Brinks, Kevin Fleming, George Wolfe, Linda Golnick.

Grayling Rotary Pot of Gold

Winners for November: \$100 - Sue Porter; \$50 - Paul Lerg; \$25 - Christian Help Center.

Grayling Rotary Calendar

• Calendar winners of \$50 each for November are: Tim Rombach, Mary Jo Cosgrove, Rich Jaskowski, Gary

Mrs. Lori Patterson's first grade class are writing their letters to Santa and having them mailed to the North Pole.

The second grade classes and the third grade multi-age class are traveling the world, with each class representing a different country: France, Germany, Holland, Italy, England and Mexico. As students travel from classroom to classroom, they are learning the holiday traditions of that country. As they get their passports stamped, they also leave with a little knowledge and craft for that country.

Getting into the holiday spirit the Kindergarten classes are spreading holiday joy to those who could always use it. The kids will be visiting the "Grandmas and Grandpas" at the Grayling Nursing Centre to sing Christmas carols for them.

Students at both schools are celebrating a week of special theme days, including P.J. and Slipper Day and Reindeer Day for the Primary students, and Christmas Pin and Shirt Days for the Elementary students.

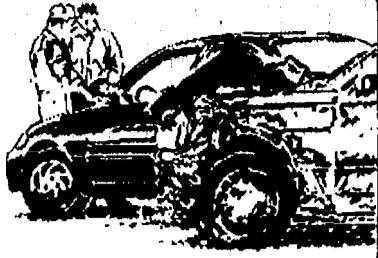
Parents remember: Everybody goes outside for recess. The weather is getting colder and the children need to be dressed for the weather in hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants and coats or jackets. Make sure all clothing is labeled.

December 20 is the last day of school before Winter Break and will be a full day of school. Winter Break runs from December 23 through January 1, 2003.

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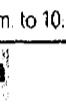
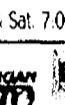
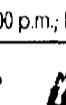
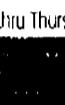
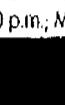
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# The Bible Speaks

## Religion and War

Religion Editor Stephen Scott wrote an interesting article about two groups of Minnesota Christians going to the Middle East, one group to show their solidarity with Israel, and the other to support Palestinians. One group says they are trying to bring about justice by living among Palestinians and helping them with their olive harvest. A spokeswoman for the other group called, Bridges for Peace, said, "We believe that the covenant God made with Israel through Abraham was an eternal covenant, and that as Christians we are brought into that covenant and instructed by the Lord to come alongside, to assist that nation in whatever way we can."

Some Christians have a messianic view of Israel and believe they must support Israel financially and politically to prepare for the second coming of Jesus Christ. They consider Israel a natural ally of the United States. "They know Israel is the only democracy in the region, and though it's not perfect, they stand clearly and unashamedly in partnership with Israel."

Some orthodox Jews also believe they must rebuild the temple to usher in the first coming of Messiah. They believe they are working to help Messiah who will bring redemption to the world. They are suspicious of Christian assistance believing that Christians want to help them only to convert them.

The Muslims also believe Jerusalem will be the last refuge of their true believers. They believe Jesus Christ will return and convert to Islam and then bring the whole world under Islamic law. They believe the last war will be led by antichrist, the west, and Israel against the Muslims.

The Bible clearly prophesies the last battle of Armageddon will be a religious war. Much of the religious confusion and conflict today comes from a faulty interpretation of the Bible. God makes a clear distinction between Jews, Gentiles, and the church. God commands us in 1 Cor. 10:32: "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God."

Many Christian denominations reject God's distinction between Israel and the church. They believe Israel came under God's judgment 2000 years ago and God replaced Israel with the church. Therefore, they make no clear distinction between the Jews of the Old Testament and the Christians of the New Testament. While they claim for the church today God's promises of blessing given to Israel in the OT, they apply all of God's judgment and curses in the OT to Israel and the Jews.

Conservative Jews and Christians who believe God's Word know that God's own zeal and work will bring the Messiah to earth. (2 Kings 19:31; Isa 9:7; 37:32; Acts 1:6,7). Liberals both among Jews and Christians trust

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In the past three years, the United States has suffered countless tragic losses of teens at the hands of other teens: Littleton, Colorado; Paducah, Kentucky; Eugene, Oregon; Pearl, Mississippi. All of these sites were examples of deadly rampages and in each case the shooters had one thing in common -- they were all avid players of violent video games.

Several parents sued 24 of the most prominent video game companies in the industry in the aftermath of the Columbine shootings that left 13 people dead. The lawsuits were eventually dropped and the video game industry continues to produce games that are more violent than ever.

In the dark days that followed the tragic shootings at Columbine, several concerned members of a Southern Oregon community pooled their resources to create a company to make a difference and provide video game players an alternative to the standard, explicitly violent and gory games ... N'Lightning Software Development Inc.

The mission of this company is to produce high quality action/adventure video games that do not portray violence to human beings or feature blood, guts and gore. Common sense cried out for such an alternative.

The task was daunting to say the least; a typical video game that is mass produced and sold worldwide costs millions of dollars to produce and requires a team of development and sales professionals to create, market, and distribute the games into the proper sales channels.

A small but dedicated team of individuals began development of a test demo. Within the next six months they had created a technical demo of their first title and were able to secure the money they needed to complete the game from an investor that believed in their mission.

Eighteen months later, "Catechumen" was released for sale to the general public. The game features a biblically-based storyline set in ancient Rome with impressive graphics and intense game play. With praise from game reviewers and word-of-mouth, Catechumen soon became the top selling inspirational computer game of all time.

During the last two years, the team at N'Lightning Software has been fervently working on a new title featuring improved graphics, advanced artificial intelligence and an intriguing storyline. The result is "Ominous Horizons".

This first person action/adventure game is set in the late 1400's in Mainz, Germany. The game plot revolves around Johan Gutenberg and the creation of the first printing press. The player's task is to assist the famous inventor and retrieve ancient biblical manuscripts needed to complete the printing of the Holy Bible. This game is a refreshing, innovative example of a game that can be fun, exciting, and visually stunning without portraying blood, guts and gore.

While N'Lightning has earned critical acclaim and a small, but loyal following, it is still an uphill battle in an industry that continues to pander to the darker instincts and emotions in all of us. N'Lightning is dedicated to providing alternative games with a higher calling. For more information, log on to: [www.n-lightning.com](http://www.n-lightning.com).

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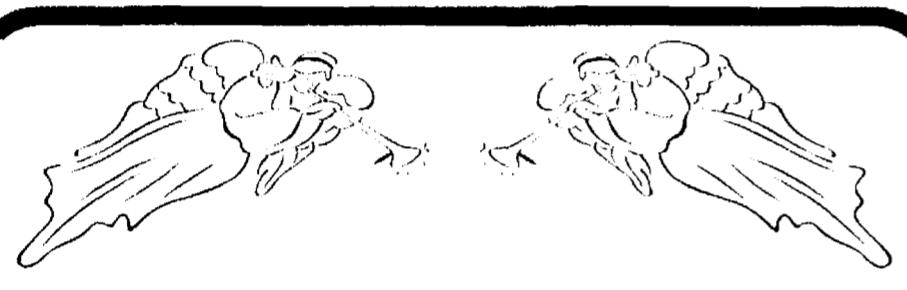
Rugenstein, Michael Salyers, Will Brewer and the band leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott

## Card of Thanks

We would like to express our personal thanks and appreciation to the Grayling High School Brass Group for their time and holiday spirit while musically entertaining us in our home.

A special thank you to Ken Heinlein, Coleman Payne, April



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### Grayling Assembly of God

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### Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight ..... 7:00 p.m.

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### St. John Lutheran

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## Most wanted list nets one, new fugitive added

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Police records show Adkins himself was shot two months prior to the Dingess killing by the victim's mother, who had a record of violent crime.

Sparks said the late Anthony Dingess allegedly would beat Adkins and force him to hand over his monthly assistance checks. Adkins had reportedly taken the beatings long enough and shot Dingess.

Adkins had no criminal record in West Virginia at the time of the shooting, and the *Logan Banner*, a local newspaper, reported Adkins had posted several "No Trespassing" signs around his property in an effort to keep the Dingesses away.

A Logan County, WV jury deliberated for four hours, finding Adkins guilty of murder in the first degree. He was sentenced May 10, 2000. Adkins appealed the decision in January 2001, but the West Virginia Court of Appeals upheld his conviction by a 4-3 decision.

His minimum discharge date has been listed as "Death."

In Crawford County, Adkins has been wanted since June 1999 for failing to appear for a jury trial on the charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor (OUIL), unlawful blood alcohol level (UBAL), and possession of marijuana.

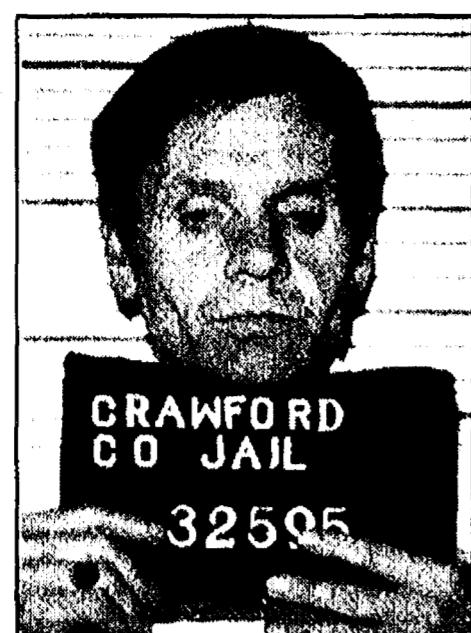
Sheriff Wakefield said his office has learned of the whereabouts of three other people on the newly developed list, but would not elaborate. He did say, however, the fugitives are not in the state of Michigan, therefore his office will not be pursuing apprehension. "My budget simply won't allow for travel outside of the state, but if and when they come to Michigan, we'll arrest them," Wakefield said.

"It's a good thing they are not in Michigan," Wakefield remarked. "And, they can just stay out of our county. As far as I'm concerned -- considering what this first guy (Adkins) is in prison for -- the list may prove to be pretty effective crime prevention."

Prosecutor John Huss' said his office will not be pursuing Adkins' Crawford County case any further due to his life sentence without possibility of parole.

Now that one fugitive has been removed from the Ten Most Wanted list, Sheriff Wakefield has replaced Adkins with another fugitive, Kerry Itaskie Harrington.

Harrington is a white female, age 27. She is 5'7" tall and in 1998 weighed 180 pounds. She has blonde hair and blue eyes, and also goes by the aliases of Kerry Itaskie and Kerry I. Taylor. She has been issued two different Michigan driver



William Ray Adkins, one of the Crawford County Sheriff's Ten Most Wanted criminals, has been located.



Kerry Itaskie Harrington, found guilty in 1999 of negligent homicide, has been added to the Sheriff's Ten Most Wanted list.

licenses and has an FBI record. Her last known addresses were in Gaylord, but Wakefield said Harrington is reportedly living in a southern state with her mother.

Harrington is wanted in Crawford County on multiple charges stemming from an original charge of negligent homicide. In 1999, she was found guilty of negligent homicide in the death of 65-year old Doris Shinabarger of Prescott, who was removing a shopping cart from the 1-75 Business Loop at about 11:30 p.m. on September 26 when she was struck and killed by the car Harrington was driving.

Court records show Harrington also has outstanding warrants in Otsego County on two felony "no account" check charges and one misdemeanor charge of assault and battery.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Harrington or any of the other nine people on the Ten Most Wanted list, may leave an anonymous tip by calling the Crawford County Jail at (989) 348-4822 (24 hours), the tip line at (989) 348-4616, ext. 228, or by e-mail to: tips@crawfordsheriff.org. .

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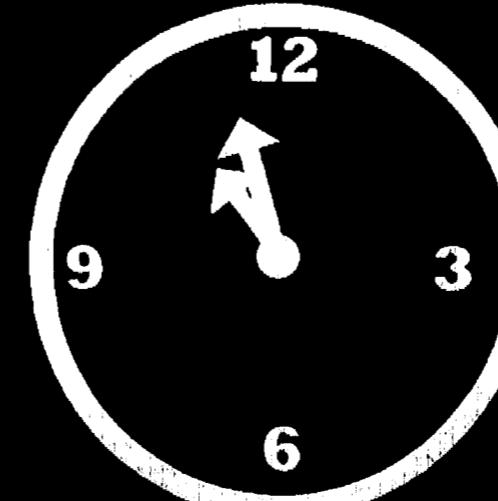
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Staff members at nursing home and eldercare services suggest planning regular visits throughout the season that include activities that are centered on the holidays. For example:

- Room Decorating -- Help your loved one decorate his or her room with holiday decorations. Small, artificial Christmas trees decorated with holiday ornaments look great on dressers and can really make a room look and feel festive. You may also want to consider flannel holiday bedding such as sheets, pillow cases, and comforters. Not only will this keep your family member warm, but it is another way to add holiday decorations. Be creative -- the more festive the better. And, don't forget their favorite holiday music!

- Holiday Cards -- It may be difficult for your loved one to send holiday cards to family and friends. You can help write personal notes in the cards, address envelopes, and make sure the cards get to the post office. You can also help a family member read and display the holiday cards they receive.

- Shopping -- Consider inviting your loved one on a holiday shopping trip. They can experience all the fun of holiday shopping with your extra help. Consider planning your shopping trip during a time when there will be fewer crowds so it will be easier to move through the stores.

- Holiday apparel -- Holiday robes, slippers, sweaters, jewelry and socks are already out in the stores. Consider bringing your loved



one holiday apparel and accessories that he or she can wear throughout the season.

You may also be wondering what would be an appropriate gift for someone in a nursing home. Just as you would with others on your list, consider gifts that match his or her hobbies, interests and needs. Remember the nursing home is their home, so you will want to consider activities or items that help them feel comfortable and secure. Beverly Healthcare staff members suggest the following holiday gifts:

- Room Decorations -- Framed pictures, prayers or quotes, books, pretty quilts, blankets or pillows that make a room more home-like and comfortable. Nonpoisonous plants also make good gifts. They brighten up a room, and give your loved one something to care for. Also, a calendar with special dates and upcoming events, such as grandchildrens birthdays, children's anniversaries and graduations, along with a selection of cards and stamps will help your loved one celebrate special

occasions.

- Toiletries -- Even seemingly simple gifts such as talcum powder, lotion, a toothbrush or toothpaste can significantly contribute to a resident's comfort and well being. Because the texture of skin changes with age, you will want to check with nursing home staff to make sure such gifts are appropriate. Gift certificates to the nursing home's beauty salon for a haircut or manicure are especially appreciated. To make it more special, you can give yourself a gift and join your loved one at the salon.

- Entertainment -- Sometimes nursing home residents are not able to attend special family events such as graduation, anniversary or birthday parties. Videotape the event so your family member can see the festivities and feel as though he or she is an important part of the family. Watch it together so you can relive the festivities, too. Books and music are also popular. If your loved one has vision problems, make a date to visit weekly and read to him or her.

Clothing -- Gifts that help your loved one feel warm and cozy during the winter months can be especially welcome. Cardigan sweaters, sweat suits, hand knitted booties or slippers and lap blankets are just a few gift ideas. And, don't forget to pick up cheerful sweaters, sweatshirts and socks depicting fun holiday scenes.

Above all, sometimes the simplest gifts are the most appreciated. If your loved one is mobile, take him or her for an outing to a favorite restaurant, plan a visit to a church or synagogue for services or invite their friends to the nursing home for a special lunch. And of course, visiting a family member in a nursing home is often the best gift.

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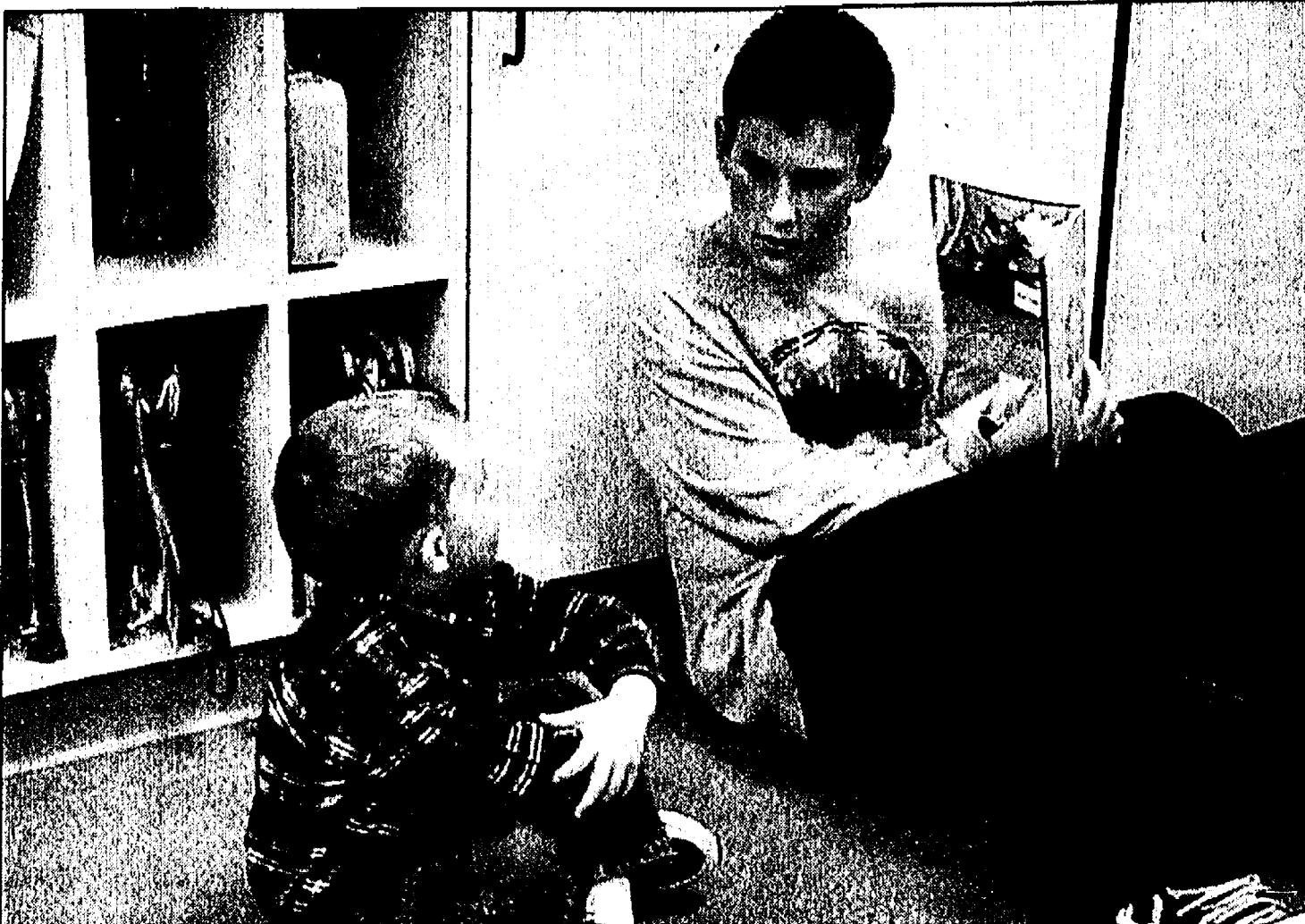
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Students from Karen Leslie's Phoenix program, located at Grayling Middle School, teamed up with students from Karyn Rauch-Smock's preschool class located at AuSable Primary School to enhance both sets of students' current learning programs.

Middle school students read to the younger students, who enjoyed the books and the company, then enjoyed some follow up activities together.

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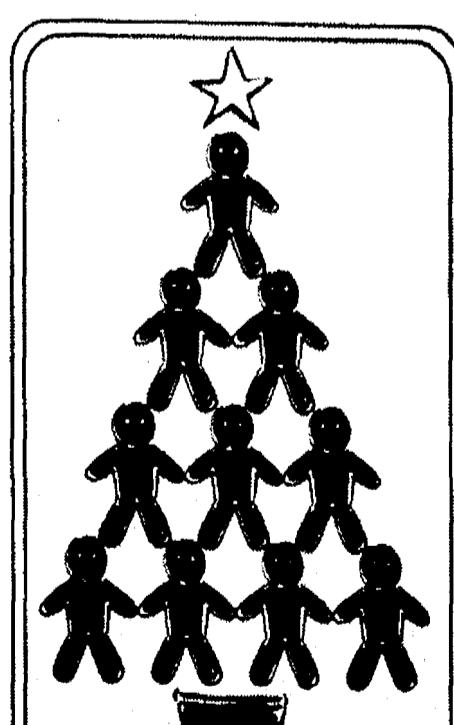
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## 11th Grade

### All "A" Honor Roll

Lisa L. Adkison, Timothy W. Domeik, Megan L. Fekete, Kip E. Franklin, Matthew S. Seager

### "B" Honor Roll

Phillip M. Armstrong, Darryl P. Babbitt, Jr., Jesse A. Blankenship, Samantha K. Collin, Jeffery R. Dedaoe, Danielle C. Fedak, Ty-Michael R. Gerow, Laura C. Gorski, Sarah M. Harland, Emily A. Harvey, Jennifer M. King, Joseph C. Lange, Andrew L. Limmel, Adam M. Malone, Heather C.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Lucky 7 Casino trip leaves at 10 a.m.; and Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

20th Home Pride Steak/ no dinner; Lovells Satellite at 12 noon; Pantry Bingo & 80 cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

23 - Macaroni & Cheese w/hot dogs/Meatloaf; Stag cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; and Movie at 5:30 p.m., Santa Clause with Tim Allen.

REMINDER: The Center will be closed on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holidays.

Above all this week, remember: The poorest man is not he who is without a cent, but he who is without a dream.

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 43 complaints during the week of December 8 - 14:

One traffic control, two larceny complaints, one juvenile complaint, five assist other department calls, two alarm calls, 13 unclassified complaints, two attempts to locate, four disorderly complaints, five suspicious situations complaints, three motorist assists, two property damage complaints, one personal property complaint, and two traffic warnings issued.

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

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December:

18 - Chicken Pot Pie/Beef Tips and Noodles; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Craft Class with painting; Medicine Shoppe Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

19 - New England Boiled Dinner/Chicken & Dumplings; BP's taken 11 a.m. to 12 noon;

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 61 complaints the week of December 9-15:

Nineteen traffic accidents, one parking violation, one traffic safety public appearance, one school bus inspection, three civil matter disputes

- family trouble, one suspicious situation, 11 general non-criminal, one false alarm activation, one CSC sexual assault,

One CSC 1st degree, one assault/intimidation/ stalking, three burglary (I-75 rest areas), one larceny, one damage to property, one

drug/narcotic violation, eight public peace/disorderly, one health and safety, one miscellaneous criminal offense, two driving violations - driving while license suspended, one traffic - title law violation.

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## HONORS

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## OBITUARIES

### George William Snider

December 15, 2002

George William Snider, age 72, of Roscommon, Beaver Creek Township, died December 15, 2002.

Funeral services were held on December 17.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

### Michael Carl Walker

April 3, 1959 - Dec. 11, 2002

Michael Carl Walker, age 43, of Jacksonville, Florida died December 11, 2002.

Arrangements by Blyth Funeral Home, Greenwood, South Carolina.

### In Memory of

Jane Stevens

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Her thoughts turned to her dear family

As she settled back in her favorite chair she prayed

Lord, hug em extra special on Christmas, just from me.

The feast table in Heaven was laden and full

There were little children, fireman, policeman there

And a special hand-written invitation waiting

As Jane Stevens gently, arrived to take her chair

What a grand reunion, many family and friends

The Trinity said the earthly children celebrated The silent coming, The Christ Child's birth, this evening

And this special invitation was for one who waited

Well, look at Jane now so happy and whole

So complete as she sits near Jesus' feet

And sending her love to all her dear ones

Whispers, "don't sorrow," for I am complete

So this Christmas, Heaven sent "A Special Invitation" to our dear Jane; who ran the race and won

And greeted at the gate, heard her sweet Saviour say,

Welcome to our birthday party, Jane/child; well done.

Deeply missed by Husband and family

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## D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony held in Frederic

Twenty-one fifth graders graduated from the D.A.R.E. program this month at Frederic Elementary.

The ceremony was conducted by the D.A.R.E. instructor Deputy Bill Bonkowski. Undersheriff Shawn Krayes, Frederic lead teacher Kim VanDrese and Superintendent Milli Haug also helped with the ceremony.

More than 20 parents and

grandparents attended the ceremony. Krayes told the audience they provided an "awesome display of support for your children."

Bonkowski thanked the fifth graders for giving him one of the best experiences of his life and said the class was just like a group of brothers and sisters.

Each student must write an essay at the completion of the

course. Jordan Luce and Ashley Newberry were chosen to read their essays for their peers at the ceremony.

After the program, refreshments were served and each graduate was given a D.A.R.E. balloon. The graduates then gathered outside, released their balloons, and tried to keep track of them as they drifted east toward the interstate.



The Frederic D.A.R.E. graduates are: Front row (left to right) Alicia Stanley, Ashley Newberry, Joni Bindschatel, Jordan Luce, Tommy Ramsey, David Lawe, Scott Webber, Jacob Sell. Second row (l to r) Rachel Wilson, Jay Love, Anthony Robinson, Alex Wilson, Anthony Allison, Arica Rockhold, Noelle Beaman, Josh Cook. Back row (l to r) Mrs. VanDrese, Billy Caid, Deputy Bonkowski, Brianna Osborne, Erica Smith, Shana Williams. Not pictured: Ryan Williamson.

### Winning D.A.R.E. essays

I think D.A.R.E. is a good thing to have because kids learn what to do and what not to do when somebody asks them to do something like drugs. And it will help people when they get older so they will live longer if they stay drug free.

I have learned that if you do drugs once you might get addicted to them. And I have learned that if you take drugs you might have heart problems. Chewing tobacco can eat away your face. And it can kill you if you chew it too much.

I think it is important to stay drug free because you will live longer and you won't regret it. And it will lead you to a better life and a better future.

My goals are to be a cop, go to Michigan State and stay drug and alcohol free.

Jordan Luce

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If you do drugs you could ruin your life because you will spend all of your money on drugs and steal to get more drugs. Drugs can even cause death.

I have learned how important it is to stay drug and violence free and what peer pressure can make people do. I learned that public service announcements are good, but regular advertisements don't always tell you everything.

My goals when I am older are to be a D.A.R.E. teacher or a singer. I would like to graduate from college. I will live long enough to graduate from college and be a D.A.R.E. teacher if I stay off of drugs.

Ashley Newberry

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## 83RD DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for November 2002

**Hon. John G. Hunter**

Tina Marie Pomeroy, age 26 of Grayling - drugs/possession of false prescription; \$360 fines/costs or 36 days in jail.

Austin Anthony Tocco, age 19 of Clarkston - Minor in possession/transport in motor vehicle; \$530 fines/costs or 53 days in jail, placed on 181 days probation.

Eric Hunter Geyer, age 23 of Saginaw - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$420 fines/costs or 42 days in jail, placed on 92 days probation.

Thomas Malley McAuliffe, age 28 of East Lansing - Impaired driving; \$400 fines/costs or 40 days in jail.

Jack Danpatrick Kelly, age 52 of Alpena - Disturbance of the peace; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Matthew Robert Boardman, age 18 of Grayling - Impaired driving; \$460 fines/costs or 46 days in jail.

Scott David Collen, age 35 of Grayling - Impaired driving; \$810 fines/costs or 81 days in jail.

Raymond Vern MacLeod, age 18 of Grayling - Larceny - less than \$200; \$475 fines/costs or 83 days in jail, \$15.34 restitution, 45 days in jail with credit for 35 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Raymond Vern MacLeod, age 18 of Grayling - Larceny - less than \$200; \$235 fines/costs or 83 days in jail, \$19.01 restitution, 45 days in jail with credit for 35 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

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Raymond Vern MacLeod, age 18 of Grayling - Larceny - less than \$200; \$235 fines/costs or 83 days in jail, \$21.00 restitution, 45 days in jail with credit for 35 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Raymond Vern MacLeod, age 18 of Grayling - Larceny - less than \$200; \$235 fines/costs or 83 days in jail, \$20.01 restitution, 45 days in jail with credit for 35 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Ralph M. Hansen, age 58 of Toledo, OH - OUIL per se; \$880 fines/costs or 88 days in jail, five days in jail with credit for five days served, placed on 181 days probation.

Royal Leon Haight, age 36 of Grayling - License plate expired, no proof of insurance; \$195 fines/costs or 19 days in jail.

Ronald Paul Woidan, age 25 of Roscommon - OUIL per se, License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$1,630 fines/costs or 163 days in jail, 90 days in jail with credit for 90 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Phillip Justin Stancil, age 51 of Grand Rapids - Impaired driving; \$420 fines/costs.

Raymond Gordon Priebe, age 62 of Grayling - OUIL per se; \$830 fines/costs or 83 days in jail, five days in jail with credit for five days served, placed on 181 days probation.

Christopher Eugene Johns, age 17 of Grayling - Reckless driving; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Aaron Michael Daneluk, age 25 of Frederic - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

George Albert McClusky, age 25 of Grayling - Assault/assault and battery; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Robert Lewis Reed, age 26 of Frederic - Disturbance of the peace; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

William George Fisher, age 49 of Grayling - Embezzlement - agent or trustee under \$200; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Magistrate Jean Callewaert

Peter Shaun Clos, age 25 of Dryden - Disturbance of the peace; \$160 fines/costs or two days in jail.

Robert Neal Jewell, age 17 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate, no valid license in possession; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Everette E. Ayers III, age 35 of Bay City - Illegal taking of game or protected animal; \$420 fines/costs, \$1,000 restitution, three days in jail with credit for one served.

Joel Scott Charles Keller, age 31 of Beamsville - ORV - operate while license suspended/revoked; \$160 fines/costs.

Christopher Dane Potter, age 18 of Grayling - Assault/assault and battery; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Daniel John Tessmer, age 24 of Alpena - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Wayne Finley Grode, age 44 of Frederic - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

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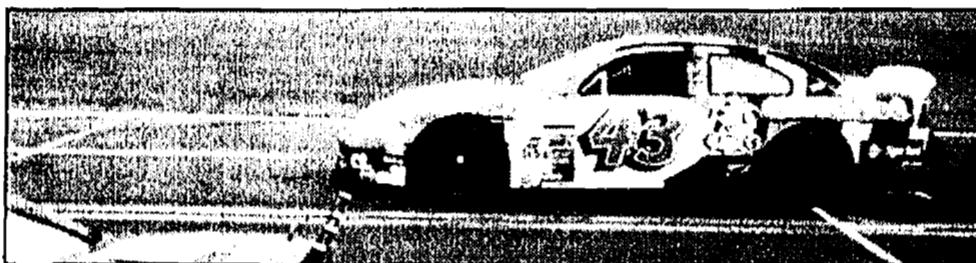
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# SECTION B SPORTS & RECREATION



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Thursday, December 19, 2002

► MORE BOYS BASKETBALL – VARSITY TEAM WINS SEASON OPENER ..... PAGE 5B

## Hoops teams combine for 4-0 record

Vikings  
defeat  
SSC by 1

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winning basket,  
Tobin's steal in final  
seconds seals it

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

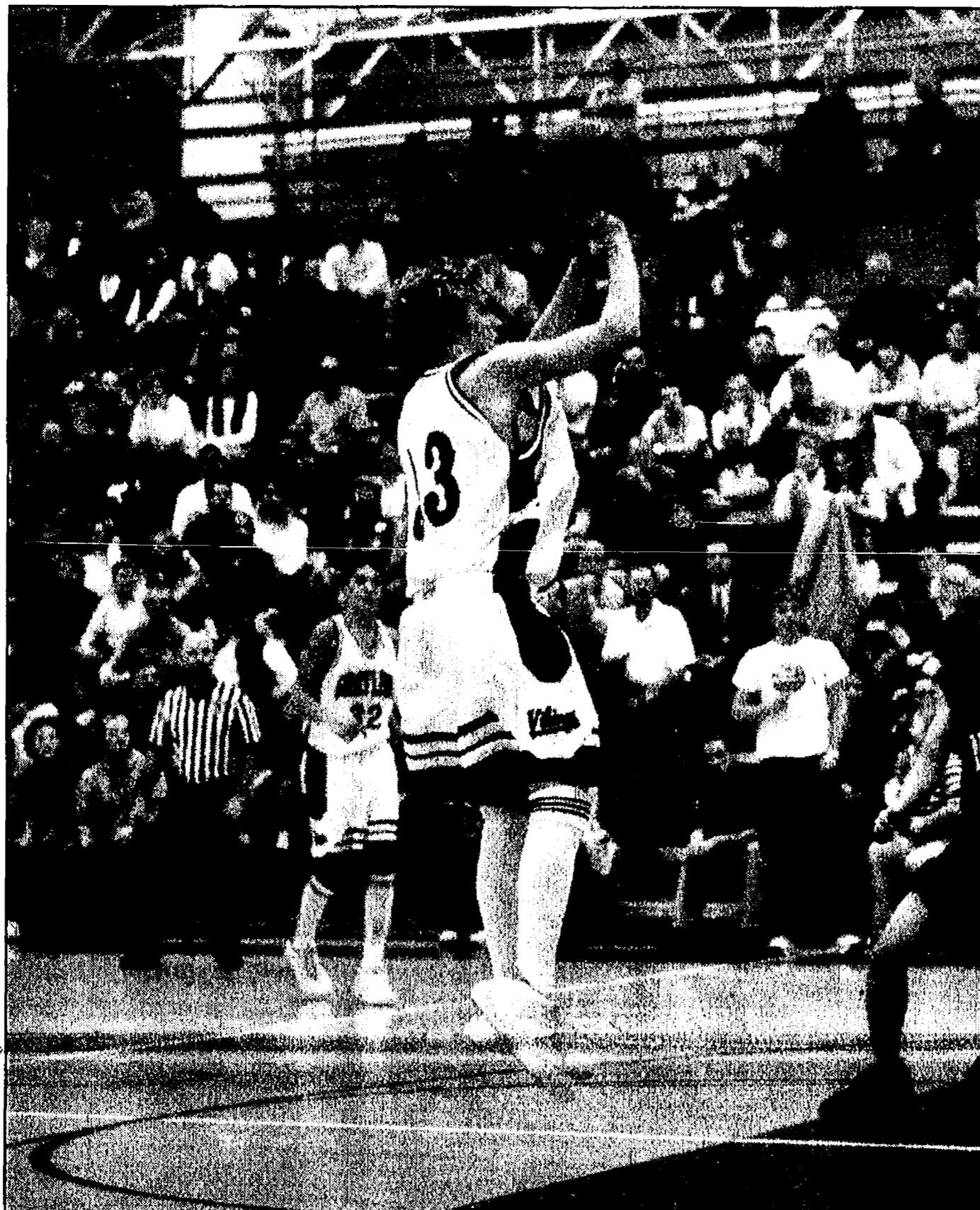
The GHS varsity boys basketball squad improved its season record to 2-0 with a 55-54 victory over the Panthers of Standish Sterling Central in Grayling last week in a match that came down to the final possession.

The Vikings led 13-8 after one quarter of play. Roy Czapek scored nine of Grayling's 13 first period points with a put-back, a three-point play, a jump shot, and a tip-in on an in-bounds pass from Ryan Schmidt. GHS also scored on a pair of free throws by Joe Zelek and a jump shot by Adam Kaiser in the first quarter.

In the second period, Standish scored 17 points – nine at the free throw line – to Grayling's nine to lead 25-22 at halftime. GHS scored its nine on a jump shot by Gibson Tobin, a shot inside by Czapek, a put-back by Roger Alvarez, and free throws by Chad Helsel, Andy Strohpaul, and Zelek.

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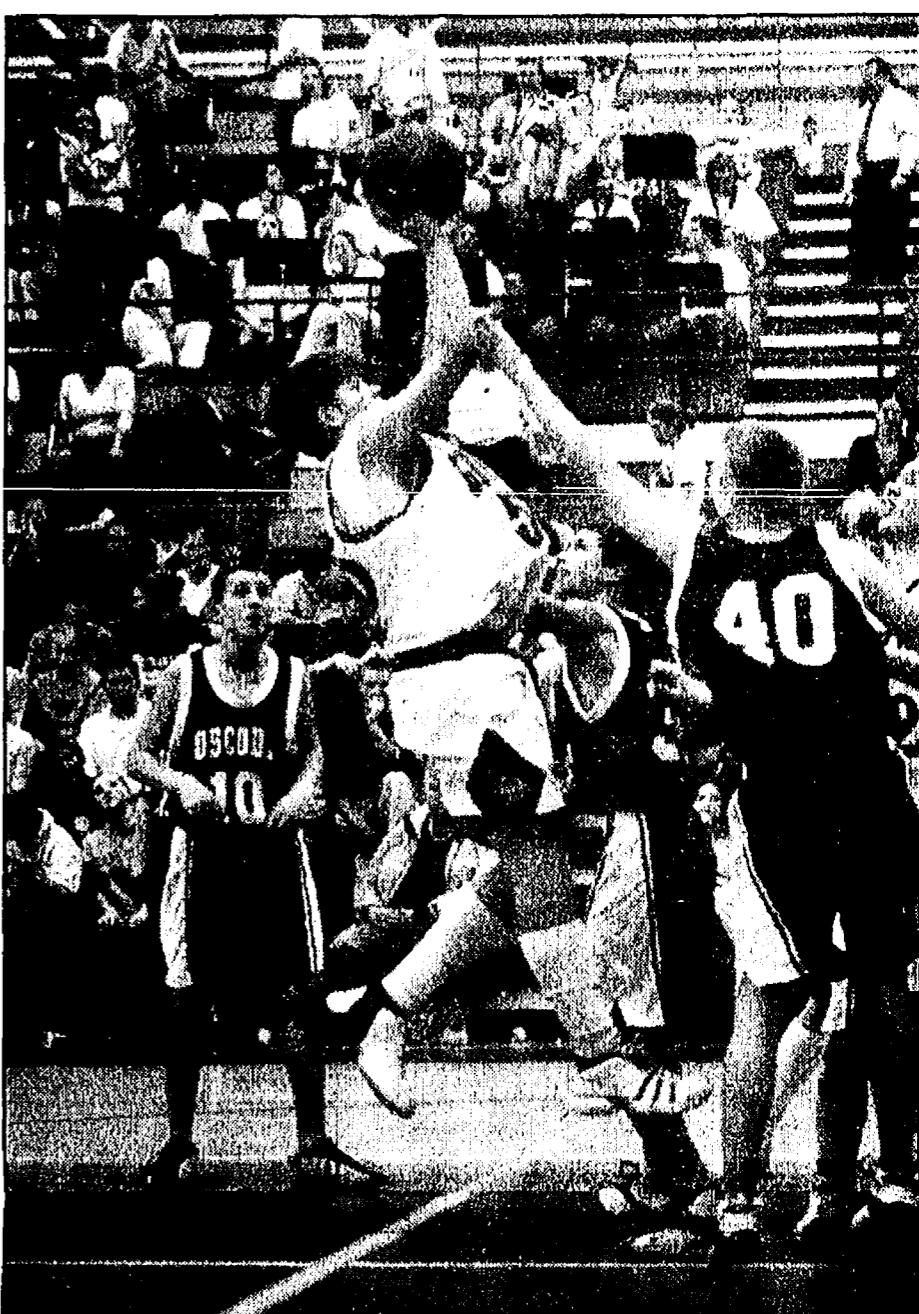
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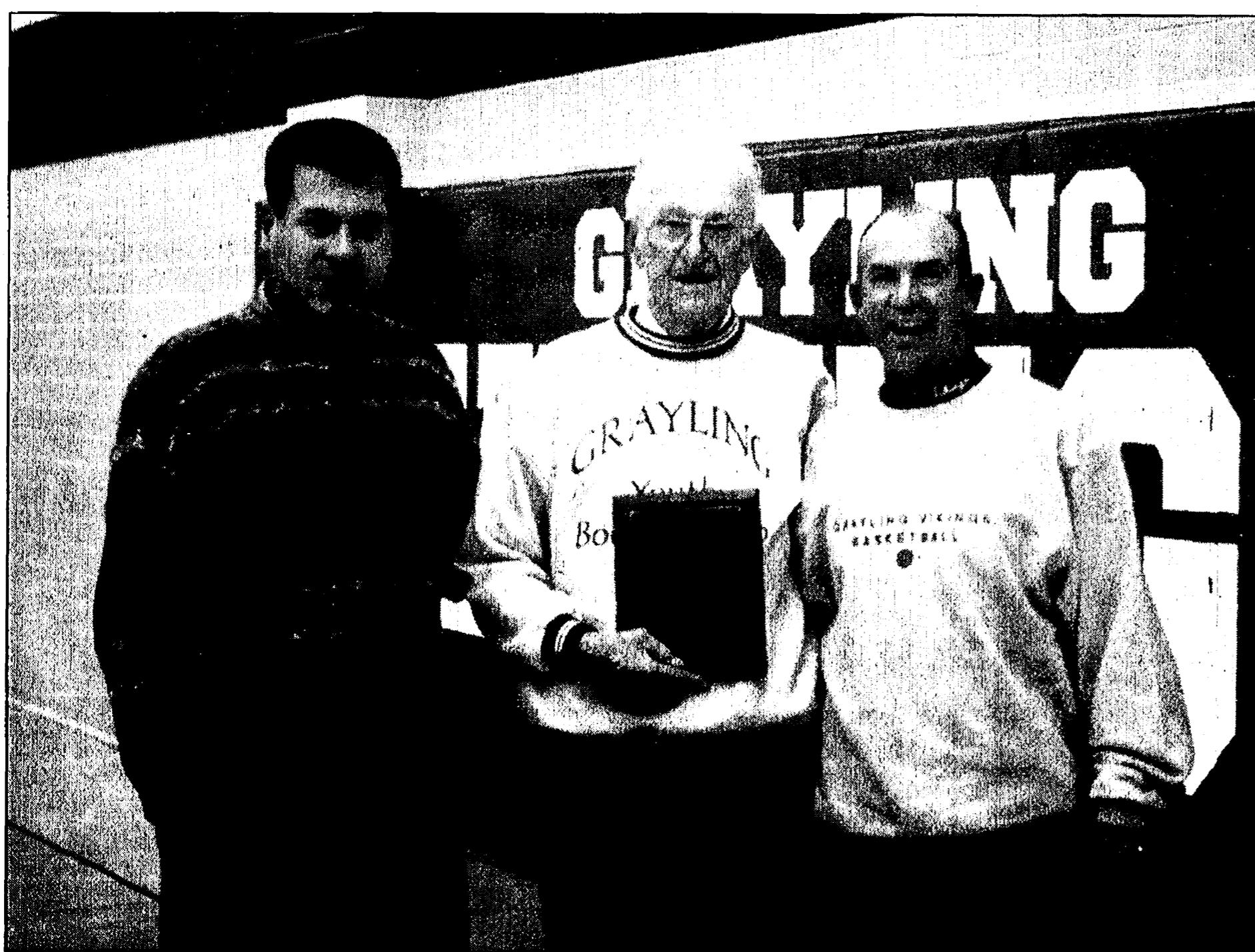
Gibson Tobin fires a jump shot for Grayling in Friday night's varsity boys basketball game vs. the Panthers of Standish Sterling Central.

JV squad wins  
twice in week #1



Matt Swope takes a jump shot from inside the key in last week's JV boys basketball team win over the Oscoda Owls on Tuesday. The Grayling team also defeated Standish Sterling Central last week. For more on the JV squad, see Page 8B.

## New scoreboards dedicated at GHS



Brian Banda (left), CASD Athletic Director, and Jim Tobin (right) of the CASD school board presented Irv McIsaac (center) of the Grayling Youth Booster Club with a plaque at halftime of last Friday's varsity boys basketball game, thanking the Booster Club for a sizeable donation that helped the athletic department purchase a new set of scoreboards for the GHS gymnasium.

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## Wrestling team defeats Bay City

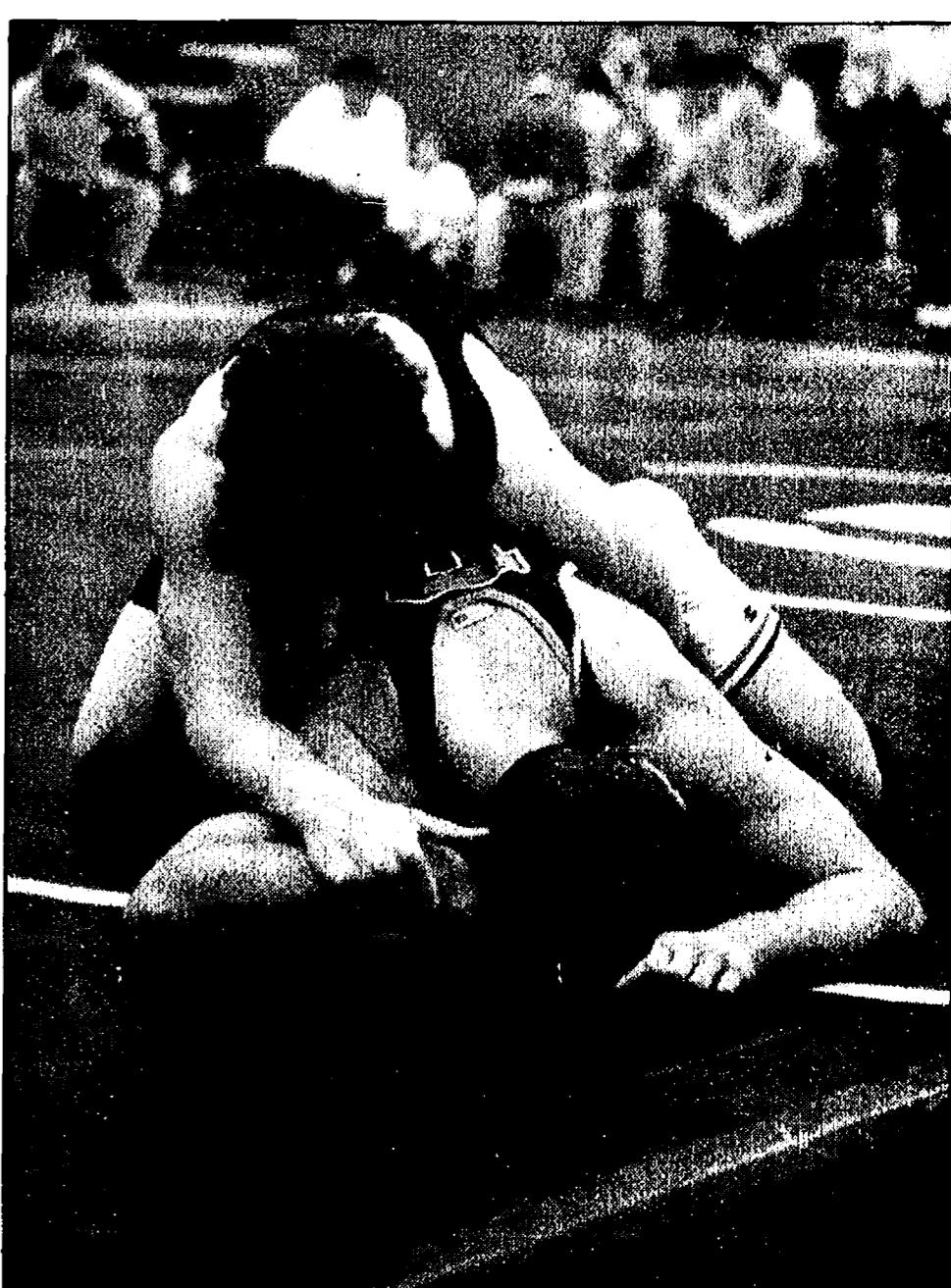


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GHS wrestler Joel Wilson (145) works a Petoskey opponent in a meet last week that also included Bay City John Glenn. Wilson won the match by decision, 6-5. Grayling defeated Bay City but lost to Petoskey. For more on the wrestling team, see Page 9B.

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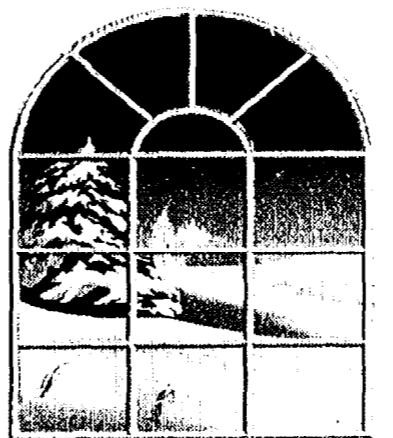
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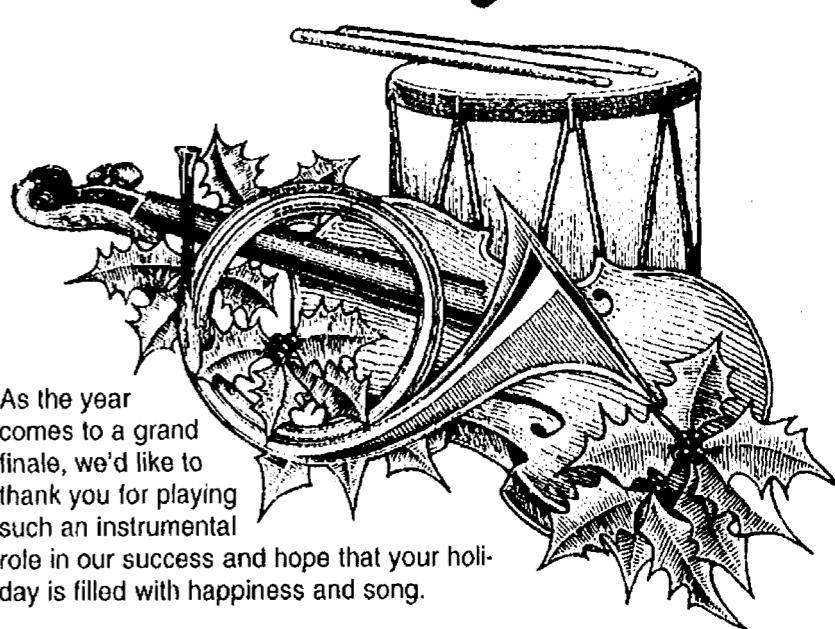
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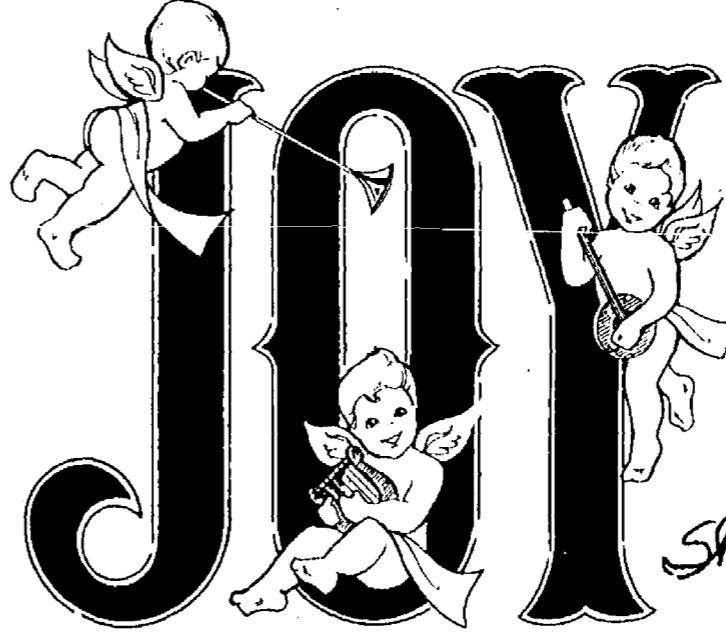


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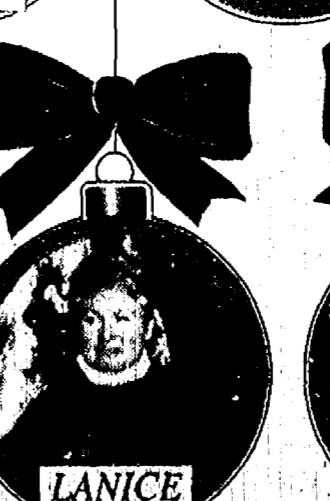
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# Girls basketball awards announced

► Parkinson and Mitchell earn all-league honors for 2002 fall season

The GHS varsity girls basketball team recently announced team awards and all-conference selections for the 2002 season at its annual end-of-the-season banquet. Two Vikings – Tracy Parkinson

and Kim Mitchell – received all-league recognition in the North East Michigan Conference for the 2002 fall season.

Parkinson was named to the all-conference "second team" and Kim Mitchell received an "honorable mention."

In team honors, Mitchell and Parkinson – both seniors – received the "leadership award" and Jessica Green, also a senior, won the "hustle" award.



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On Saturday, the women's consolation game begins at noon, when the two losing teams from Friday's games meet. At 2 p.m., the men's consolation game begins. The women's championship game begins at 4 p.m. and the men play their championship game at 6 p.m.

Championship trophies will be awarded. Also, all-tournament teams and tourney MVPs also will be named.

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**Mens Team**

HOUGHTON LAKE — Freshman forward Jeremy Rau scored 20 points and hauled down 24 rebounds Saturday to power Kirtland to a 95-85 victory over Lambton University.

Kirtland trailed, 51-45, at the intermission, and fell behind by as many as seven early in the second half before the Firebirds mounted their comeback with Rau controlling the boards at both ends. The game was played at Houghton Lake High School.

Reuben Edwards had 13 points, 11 rebounds, five assists, and three steals for the winners. Jake Milarch had 15 points, Eugene Phillips had 14, and Terrance Coker contributed 11 to help Kirtland even its record to 4-4.

Matt Bottineau had 23 for Lambton, 8-8, the Sarnia, Ontario-based college.

**Womens Team**

HOUGHTON LAKE — Lansing Community College's Jessica Schmitt scored 18 points and led a second-half comeback Saturday in a 61-54 victory over Kirtland.

Kirtland used 68 percent shooting from the floor to build a 12-point lead in the first half before settling for a 34-27 lead at the intermission. But defensive breakdowns and some sharpshooting from the perimeter by Lansing turned the game around quickly in the second half. Ashley Ingram had 15 points and 10 rebounds and Stephanie Mitchell had 10 points and 11 rebounds as

Lansing improved to 4-3 — two of the victories coming at Kirtland's expense.

Becca Miller had 14 points and Jeni Kemp had 10 points and 10 rebounds for Kirtland, 4-6.

The Lady Firebirds resume action Friday against Algoma (Ontario) in the opener of the Great North Christmas Tournament in Roscommon.

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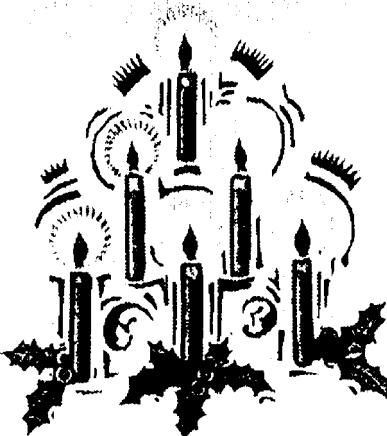
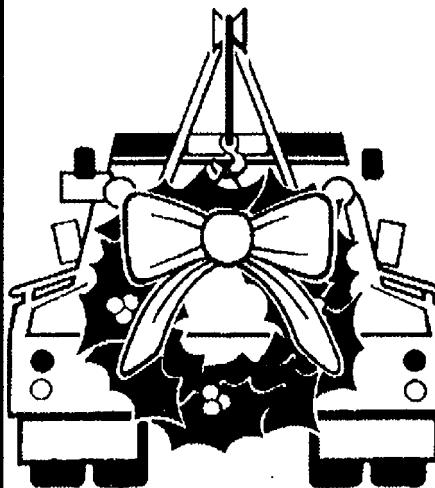


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# Varsity team wins season opener

► Grayling beats Owls of Oscoda 62-56 at GHS to start '02-03 season

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Vikings of Grayling High School opened their 2002-03 varsity boys basketball season with a win over the Owls of Oscoda in Grayling last Tuesday.

The game was tied at halftime, but Grayling pulled away with a strong third quarter and a big run early in the fourth. Oscoda rallied late in the fourth period, but never got closer than seven.

Grayling got off to a good start. Travis Helsel converted a three-pointer on the first shot of the game to put the Vikings up 3-0. Two drives by Gibson Tobin gave GHS a 7-0 advantage. The Vikings ended the first period with a 13-11 lead after scoring six more points on a lay-up by Tobin, a jump shot by Andy Strohpaul, and a tip-in by Roy Czapek.

The Owls opened the second quarter with four points on a lay-up and two free throws to take a two-point lead. A triple by Tobin put the Vikings back up by one. Oscoda took a one-point lead with a shot inside.

A three-pointer by Tobin at the 5:00 mark put GHS up by two. Twenty-five seconds later, Tobin connected on another triple to give the Vikings a 22-17 lead.

A 6-0 run by Oscoda put the Owls up by one.

A lay-up by Tobin on a pass from Strohpaul and a free throw by Strohpaul gave Grayling 25 for the half.

Oscoda also finished with a total of 25 first half points.

Oscoda scored the first basket of the second half. Free throws by Czapek and Adam Kaiser tied the game at 27-27. A jump shot by Oscoda gave the Owls a two-point edge.

The Vikings rallied and outscored Oscoda 18-3 in the last five minutes of the third quarter. Helsel got it started for Grayling with a jump shot and two three-pointers. After a jump shot by Tobin, Grayling scored eight more points on three drives and a jump shot (at the buzzer) by Kaiser.

Grayling carried its momentum over into the fourth quarter. The Vikings extended their lead to 20 with a 10-3 run in the first three minutes of the fourth period. The run included a drive by Tobin, a lay-up by Helsel, two put-backs by Joe Lange, and a jumper by Tobin.

Oscoda outscored Grayling 21-7 in the last five minutes of the game, but came up short. The Vikings won by eight, 62-56.

Tobin was the leading scorer for GHS with 25 points. He also had seven assists. Helsel finished with 14 points, and Kaiser had 10. Helsel was Grayling's leading rebounder with seven.

On defense, Tobin had 11 deflections and Lange had eight, including

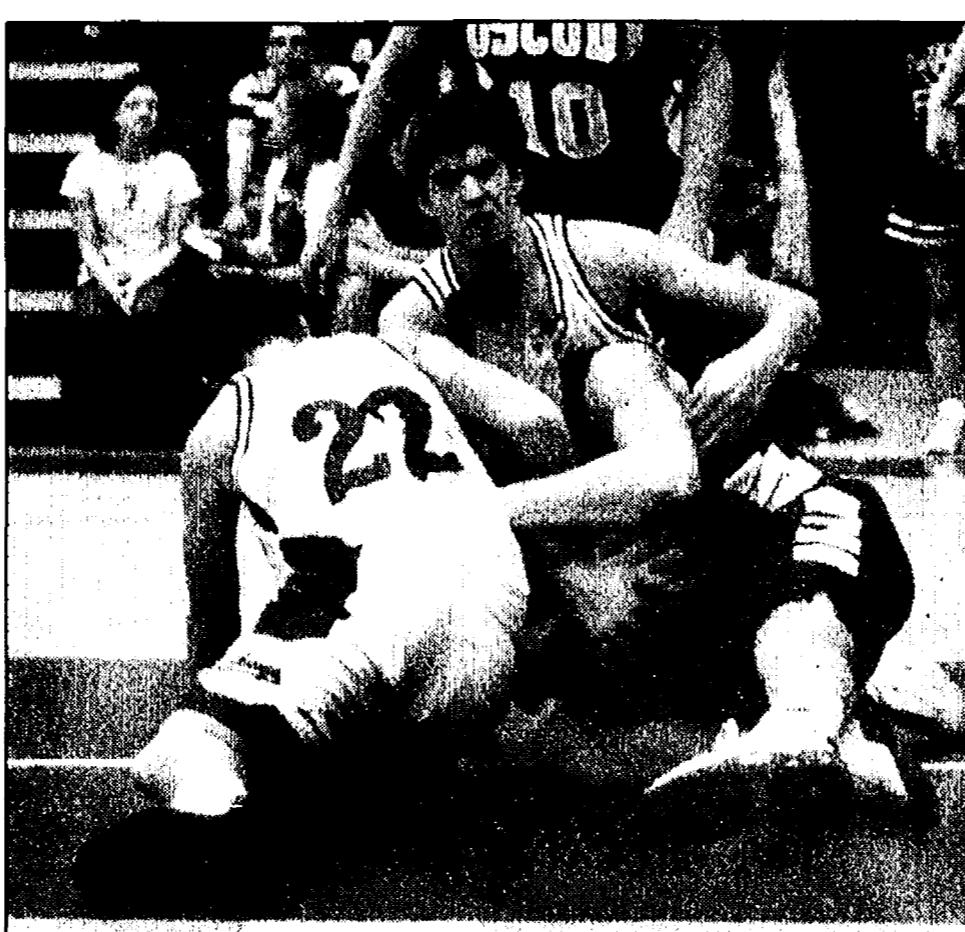


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Roy Czapek (#22) and Joe Lange fight for a loose ball in the game vs. Oscoda on Tuesday, Grayling's season opener.

four blocked shots.

"Our intensity was good for the first game," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We boarded well in the second half and played with some urgency in the third quarter."

"Our big guys did a lot of positive things at the defensive end of the court during the second half," Coach

Moffit said. "Morrill, Lange, Czapek, Alvarez, and Zelek did an outstanding job of defending in the paint."

"We have an awful long ways to go. We need to finish games stronger than what we did tonight and we also need to cut down on our turnovers (24)," Moffit said.



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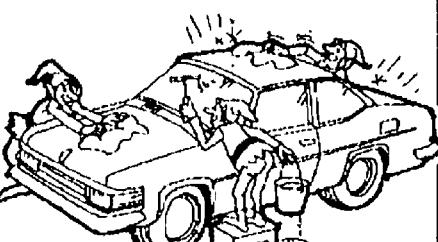
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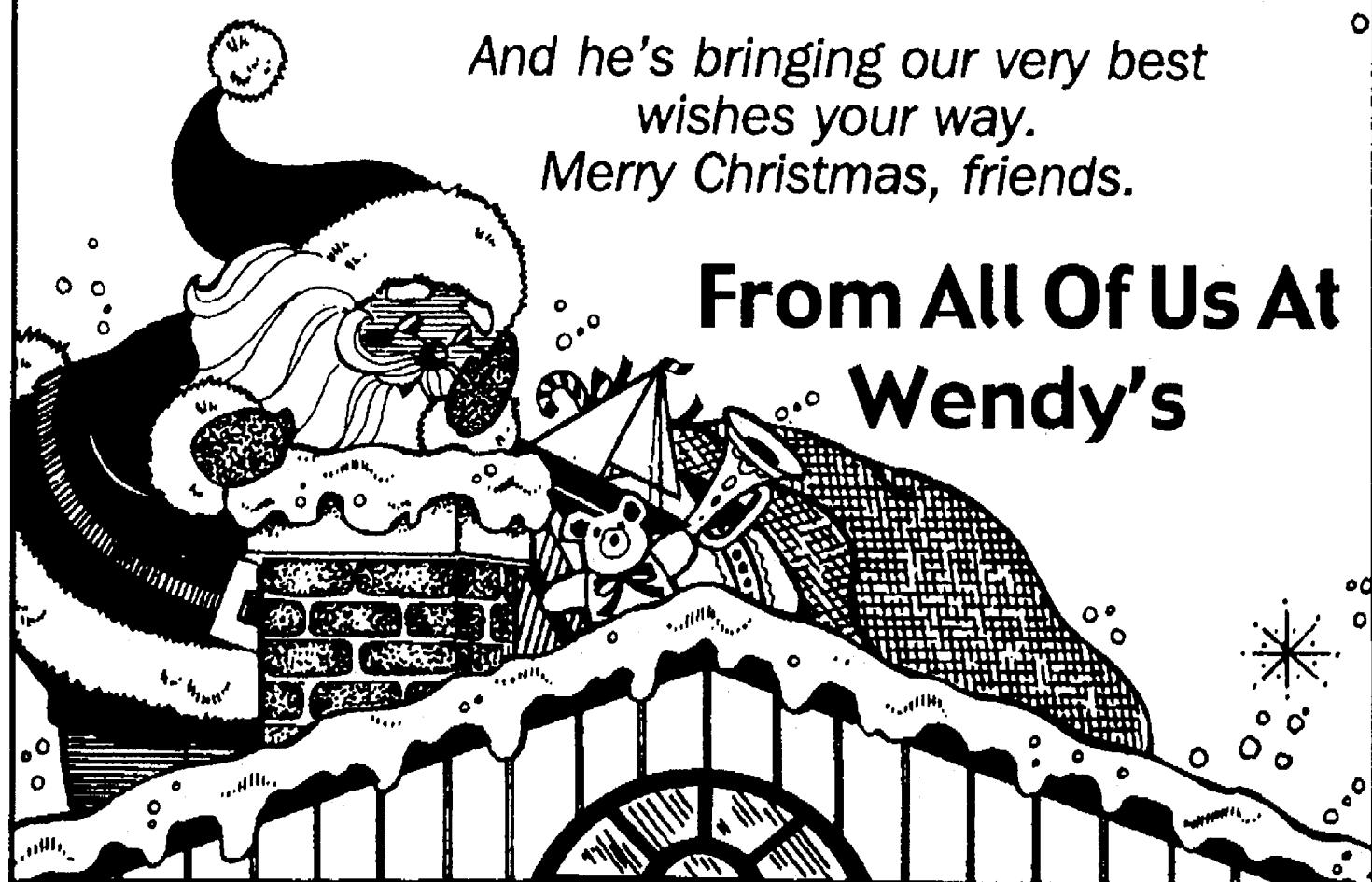
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# Vikings defeat SSC by one

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The Vikings had a good third quarter. Grayling opened the period with a 10-2 run that included jumpers by Kaiser and Tobin, a put-back by Czapek, a triple by Kaiser, and a drive by Tobin.

A three-pointer by Travis Helsel gave Grayling a 36-31 advantage with 3:10 left in the third quarter.

With two free throws by Tobin, a jump shot by Schmidt, and a triple by Greg Morrill just before the buzzer, Grayling led 43-35 going into the fourth quarter.

Foul trouble was catching up with the Vikings — two players had four prior to the fourth period. (Three more Grayling players would reach four in the fourth, and two Vikings fouled out before the end of the

match.)

Standish scored the first two baskets of the fourth quarter — both shots inside — to pull within four.

A put-back by Joe Lange put the Vikings up by six. Standish scored on a put-back to pull back within four. A put-back by Czapek gave GHS a six-point edge.

Standish scored, and Grayling answered with a jump shot by Kaiser. On three trips to the line, the Panthers converted five of six free throws to cut Grayling's lead to one.

A drive by Kaiser put Grayling up by three with 3:00 left in regulation.

Three free throws by Standish on two trips to the line tied the game at 51-51 with just over two minutes to play.

With 1:48 left on the game clock, Lange scored on a shot inside to give Grayling a two-point lead. Standish missed a shot at the other end, and Lange rebounded. The Vikings killed time off the clock, then turned the ball over.

Standish hit a three-pointer with 31 seconds left in the game, putting the Panthers up by one.

Grayling got the ball in bounds and across the half-court line through SSC's full court pressure defense and called time-out. The Vikings got the ball in to Kaiser, who drove to the basket for a reverse lay-up. He scored it, giving Grayling a one-point lead with nine seconds left on the clock.

As Standish dribbled past the half-court line, Tobin came up with a steal and ran off the last few seconds, sealing the win for Grayling. Kaiser's lay-up ended up being the game winner.

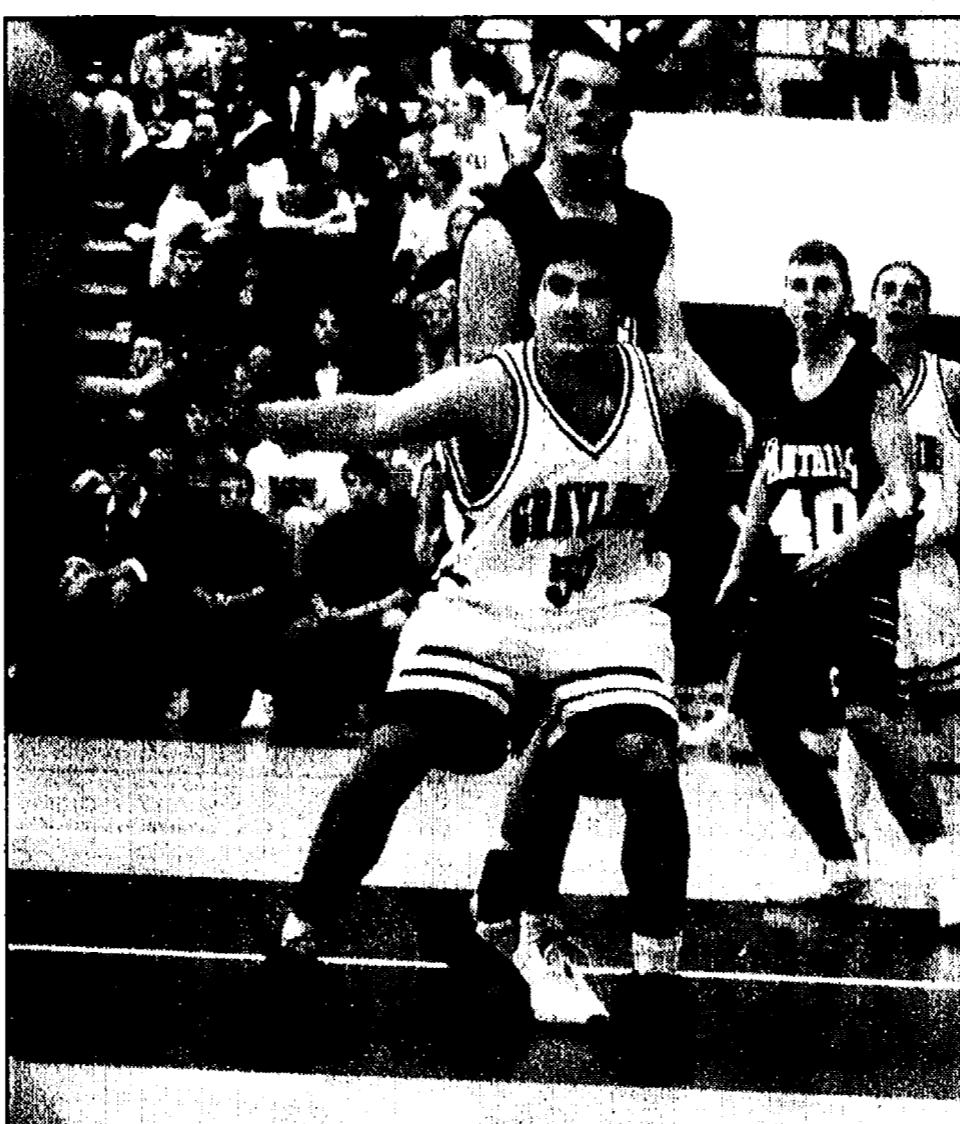
Czapek was the leading scorer for GHS with 15 points. Kaiser had 13. Eleven players scored for Grayling in the match.

Friday night's victory over Standish put GHS at 2-0 in the North East Michigan Conference and 2-0 overall.

The Vikings will host Kalkaska on Friday, December 20.

Photos by Caleb Casey

**Adam Kaiser takes a jump shot in the game against SSC. Kaiser had 13 points in the match, including the game-winning lay-up.**



Roger Alvarez posts up for Grayling in last Friday's match vs. Standish Sterling Central.



## FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.



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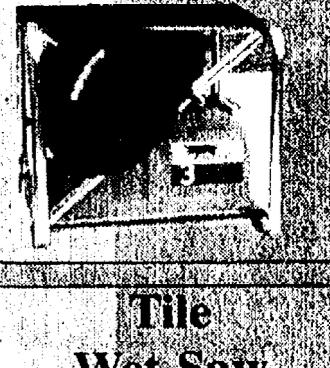
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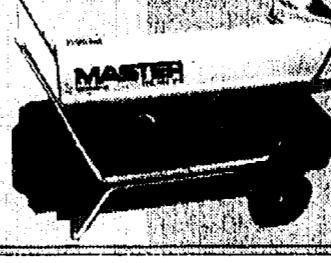
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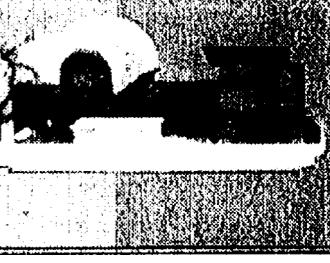
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## JV squad wins twice in week #1

► Vikings defeat  
Oscoda; Standish  
Sterling Central to  
start '02-03 season

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team got off to a 2-0 start last week with victories over Oscoda and Standish Sterling Central in Grayling.

On Friday, the Vikings jumped out to big lead early against the visiting Panthers of Standish.

Grayling opened the game with an 11-0 run that included lay-ups by Josh Hinkle and Ryan Davis, a put-back by Bobby Starks, a jump shot by Ryan Davis, a drive by Hinkle, and a free throw by Matt Swope. With a strong full court press and aggressive defense, the Vikings turned Standish turnovers into Grayling points.

The Vikings scored six more points in the first quarter on baskets by Davis, D.J. Metzer, and Hinkle to lead 17-8 going into the second

period.

Lay-ups by Hinkle, Davis, and Josh Millikin and a jump shot by Starks put the Vikings up 25-8. Two shots inside by Swope and a free throw by Davis gave GHS a 30-10 advantage.

With a three-point play by Starks, a shot inside by Jess Bobenmoyer on a pass from Davis, and a free throw by Davis, the Vikings led 36-17 by the end of the first half.

Grayling increased its lead with a 16-11 third quarter. The Vikings scored third period points on a lay-up by Davis, a shot inside by Bobenmoyer on an in-bounds pass from Davis, a shot inside and a jumper by Tyler Cragg, two lay-ups by Hinkle, and free throws by Davis and Hinkle.

GHS led 52-28 going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings outscored Standish 22-19 in the last eight minutes of the game to seal a 74-47 victory.

Grayling scored its 22 points on a jumper by Cragg, a drive by Alex McNamara, a lay-up by Millikin, two put-backs by Russ Peters, a shot inside by Bobenmoyer on a pass from Peters, and free throws by Cragg, Starks, Millikin, Peters, and Metzer.

Grayling's scoring was well-distributed. All 10 Vikings scored in the match, with Davis leading the way at 14, with four rebounds, four steals, and six assists. Hinkle had 13 points, Millikin scored nine, and Cragg and Starks finished with eight points apiece.

On defense, Grayling had 36 deflections. Hinkle finished with seven steals, and Peters had five.

On Tuesday, the team won its season opener vs. the Owls of Oscoda 57-47 at GHS.

Despite being out of sync in the first quarter, the Vikings outscored the visiting Owls 14-2 in the first eight minutes of play. Grayling struggled with its press break, but the Vikings were able to overcome turnovers with aggressive play at the defensive end of the court.

Grayling ran its offense better in the second quarter and added another 20 points to its total. Oscoda scored 12 in the period.

Grayling's 20 included a jump shot by Swope, put-backs by Millikin and Davis (2), a drive by

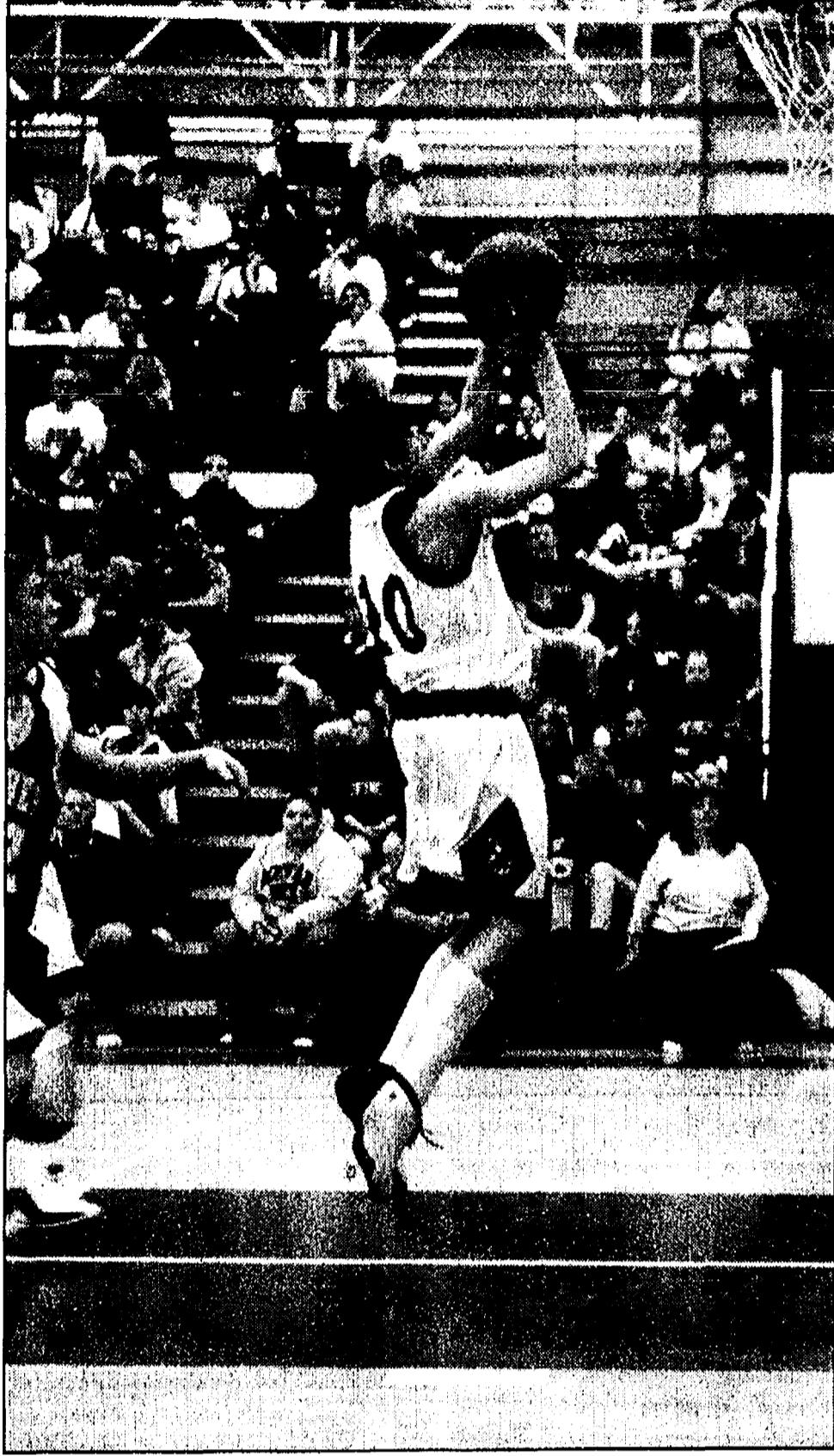


Photo by Caleb Casey

Alex McNamara drives in for a lay-up in the fourth quarter of last Friday's junior varsity basketball game against the Panthers of Standish Sterling Central.

Cragg, and free throws by Swope, Starks, Hinkle, and Peters.

The Vikings led by 20, 34-14, at the half.

Grayling edged Oscoda 12-9 in the third period. The Vikings scored their 12 on shots inside by Starks and Millikin, a jumper by Davis, and free throws by Davis, Bobenmoyer, and Hinkle.

Oscoda rallied to outscore Grayling 24-11 in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to overcome

the 23-point advantage the Vikings had going into the period.

Grayling won by 10, 57-47.

Davis was the leading scorer for Grayling with 11 points. Hinkle, the team's leading rebounder with five boards, added nine points.

Starks and Bobenmoyer each finished with eight points, and Millikin had seven.

The Vikings will host the Kalkaska Blazers on Friday, December 20 at 6 p.m.

## Freshman team wins opener 53-39

► 9th graders win  
at Harbor Springs to  
start the 2002-03  
basketball season

The Grayling High School fresh-

man boys basketball team started its season with a 53-39 victory at Harbor Springs last Tuesday.

"We really played with a lot of defensive intensity," said Coach Joe Mau. "The boys worked very hard and executed offensively with discipline and poise. This was a great start to our season."

Three Vikings reached double figures in scoring on Tuesday: Reagan Schmidt had 16 (with eight steals and five rebounds); Zac Baker scored 12 (with three steals and seven rebounds), and Eli VanNuck finished with 12 (with six steals). Zach Dean led the squad in rebounds with nine. He also had six points and four steals.

The freshman team will host Bay City John Glenn at 4:30 p.m. on January 3.

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# Wrestling team defeats Bay City 57-30

► Viking wrestlers beat Bobcats but fall to Northmen in home meet

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School wrestling team defeated Bay City John Glenn but lost to Petoskey in a meet last Thursday in Grayling.

The meet opened with Grayling vs. Bay City John Glenn.

Adam Malone (130) won a 7-0 decision to give Grayling a 3-0 lead. The Bobcats won the 135-pound division by pin to lead 6-3.

Doug Webb (140) posted a first round pin. Joel Wilson (145) and Darryl Babbitt (152) both won by default.

Dusty Partello (160) pinned his opponent in the second round to add another six points to Grayling's team point total. Brandon Pratt (171) won his match with a quick pin in the first round. Don Starks (189) won by pin in the second round, and Aaron Rosecrans (215) posted a first round pin.

The Vikings led 45-6.

Bay City won the heavyweight division (275) by pin. The Bobcats got a pin late in the third round in the 103-pound division for another six points. The Bobcats got 12 more points with wins by default in the 112 and 119-pound weight classes.

In the last match of the contest, James Walker (125) pinned his Bay City counterpart in the second round. The Vikings won the match-up by a final score of 57-30.

Next, Bay City and Petoskey squared off. The Northmen of Petoskey dominated the Bobcats

75-6. Petoskey won the first 10 matches – eight by pin (seven in the first round and one in the second) and two by default. Bay City won the 103-pound division by pin in the first round. Petoskey got a win by pin in the second round, a win by default, and a first round pin in the last three weight classes.

Petoskey then wrestled against the Vikings.

The Northmen won 130 and 140 by pin and 135 by default to take an early 18-0 lead.

Wilson (145) got Grayling on the board with a 6-5 win by decision. Babbitt (152) won his match by decision 10-1, earning four team points for GHS.

Partello (160) posted a 4-0 win by decision. Pratt (171) also won by decision, pulling Grayling within five, 18-13. Petoskey won the 189-pound division by pin.

Rosecrans (215) pinned his opponent in the first round. The Northmen won the heavyweight division (275) with a pin.

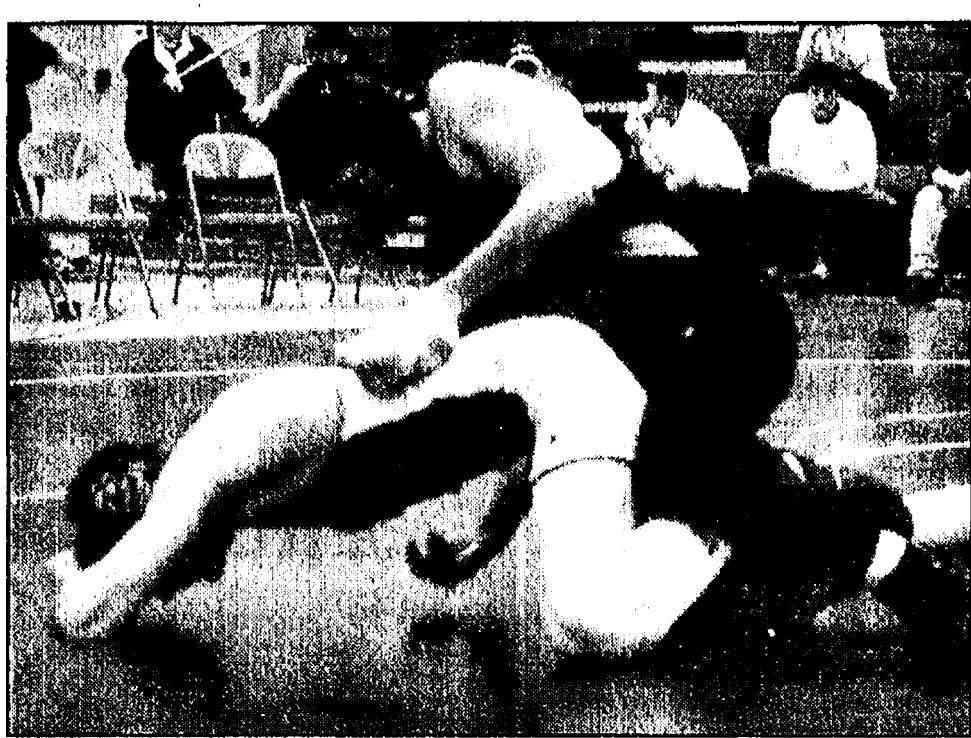
Emily Harvey (103) pinned her opponent by pin in the second round to pull Grayling back within five, 30-25.

Petoskey won the next two weight classes (112 and 119) by default. The Northmen won the last match (125) by pin, resulting in a final score of Petoskey 48, Grayling 25.

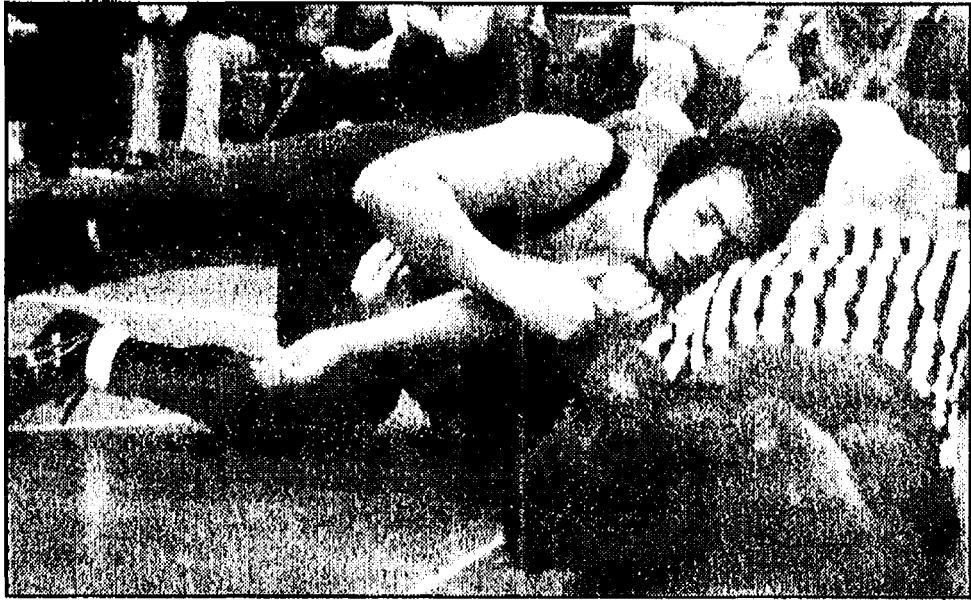
The Vikings posted a 6-5 record in contested matches vs. Petoskey.

On Saturday, Grayling finished 6th at the Mason County Central tournament.

Partello (160), now 10-0 on the season, and Pratt (171, 9-1) both won their weight classes at the weekend tourney. Wilson (145, 6-2) and Babbitt (152, 8-2) placed second in their divisions. Malone (130)



Dusty Partello (160) works the arm of a Petoskey wrestler at a meet in Grayling last Thursday. Partello won the match, and he is 10-0 so far this season.



Don Starks, wrestling in the 189-pound division, tries for a pin against Bay City John Glenn on Thursday night.

took third. Rosecrans (215) also scored team points for Grayling.

On Thursday, December 19 the GHS wrestling team will compete against Roscommon and Whittemore at Roscommon.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Darryl Babbitt grapples with a Petoskey opponent. He won the match by decision, 10-1.

## Volleyball team opens with Roscommon tourney

► Varsity Vikings win one, lose two in first action of the 2002-03 season

Grayling High School posted a 1-2 record at Saturday's season-opening varsity girls volleyball tournament at Roscommon.

The Vikings lost to Roscommon (15-7, 15-4) and Mason County (15-5, 15-8), then defeated McBain 15-13, 15-2.

"We started slow but ended the tournament with a huge win," Coach Angie Golnick said. "We are looking forward to a successful season."

Final GHS player statistics for the Roscommon tournament included:

Hannah Hall – 5 kills, 9 digs, 5 aces, 20 points; Jessica Stewart – 3 kills, 2 aces, 5 points; Ashley Hawley – 6 kills, 9 points; Jamie Zelek – 3 kills, 4 points;

Angeanette Lovely – 10 digs, 4 aces, 18 points; Heather Metzger – 4 kills, 16 assists, 8 points; Amanda Felver – 12 assists.

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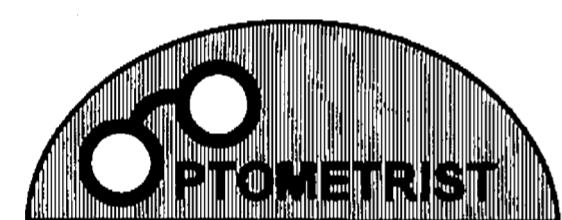
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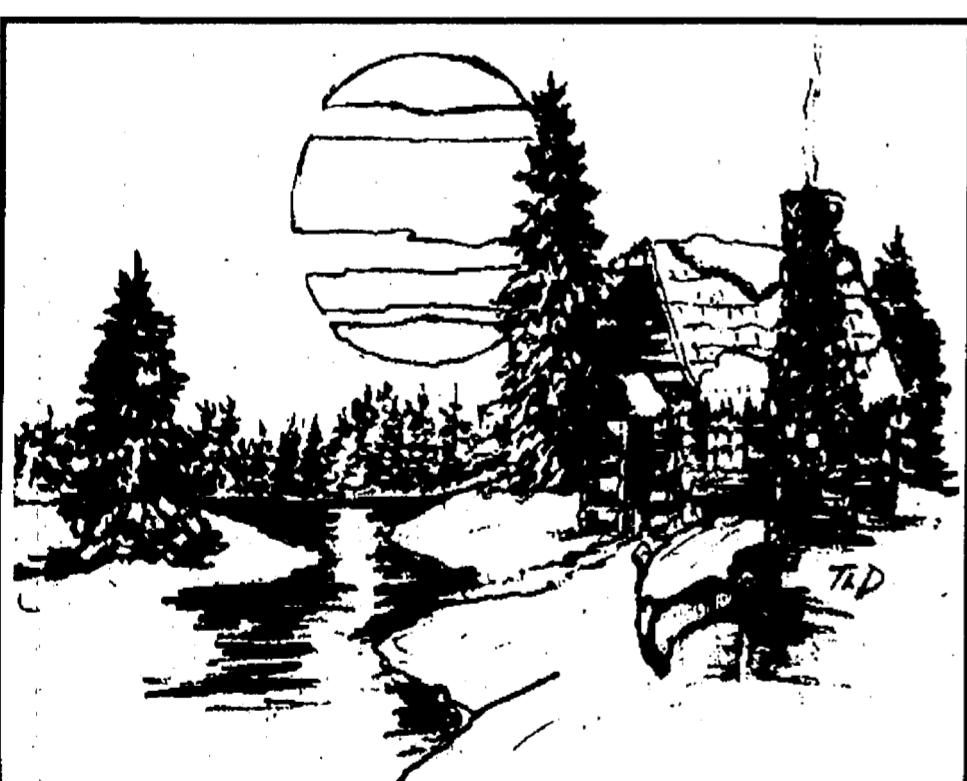


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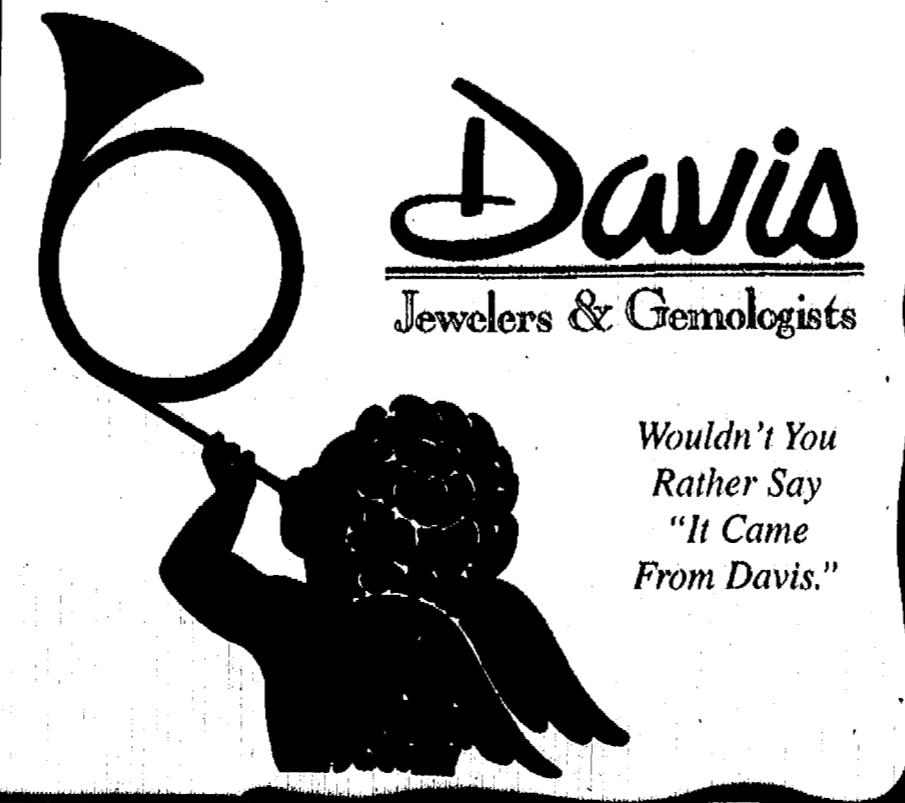
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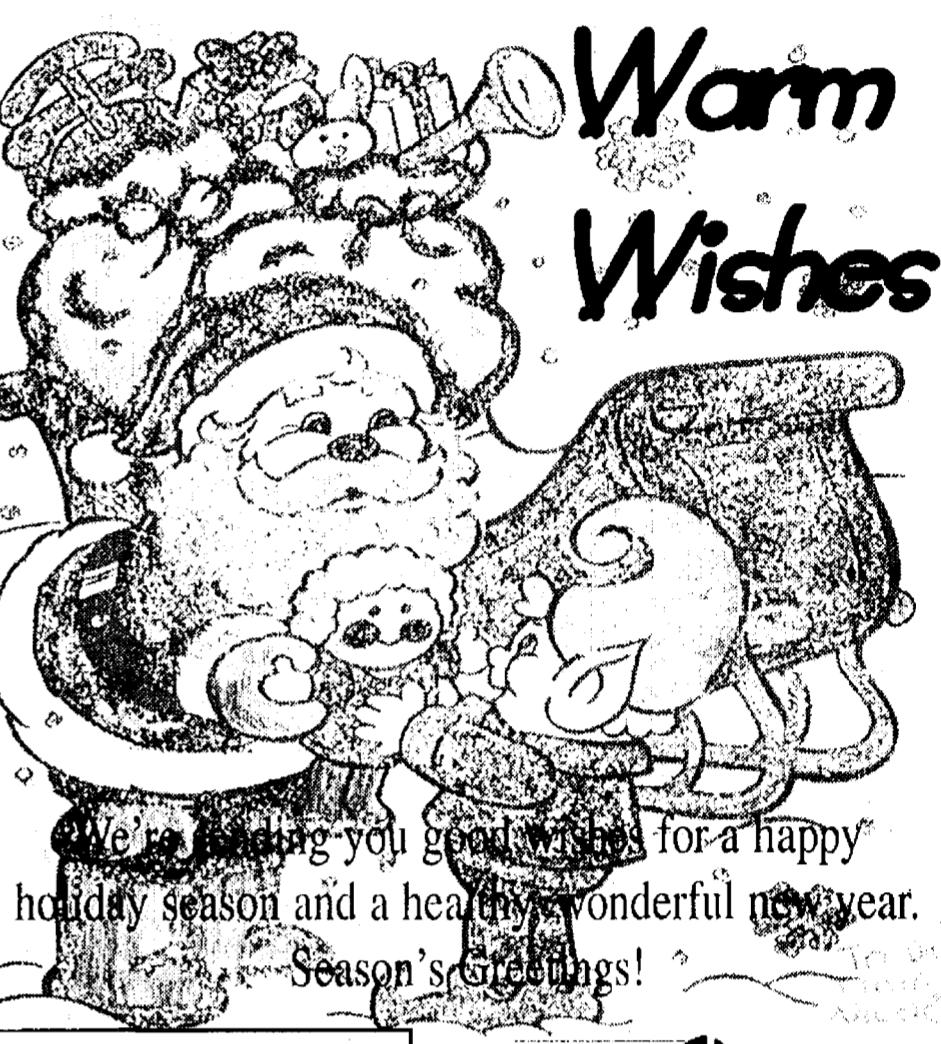
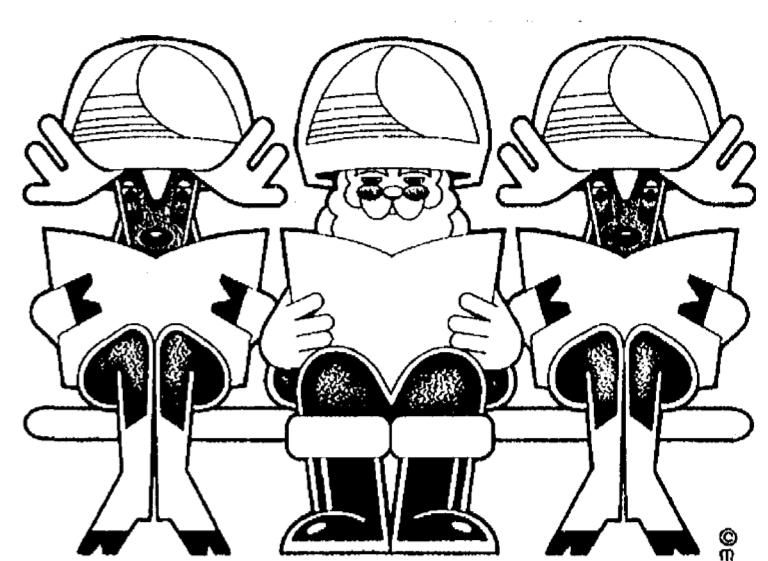
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High Game Men	J. Helsel, 278; D. Yanniello, 228; J. Meharg, 199.
High Series Women	S. Romain, 528; C. Yanniello, 493; S. France, 454.
Friday Mixed Doubles	
American Legion Lanes	03 - 01
Moshier Auto Repair	03 - 01
Northern Cafe	02 - 02
Charlie's Country Corner	02 - 02
Piehl's Sawmill	02 - 02
Ken's Tire & Auto	02 - 02
Double Trouble	01 - 03
Fick & Sons	01 - 03
High Series Men	S. Green, 541; R. Moshier, 536; D. Zarnick, 536; B. Trudeau, 534.
High Game Men	R. Moshier, 234; S. Green, 217; C. Hanson, 214.
High Series Women	S. Johnson, 510; K. Moshier, 502; B. Lozon, 489.
High Game Women	B. Lozon, 189; S. Johnson, 188; K. Moshier, 183.
Senior League	

## MEN'S 30+ BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### League Standings

Spike's	3-0
McLean's	2-1
Holiday Inn	1-2
Weyerhaeuser	0-3
Spike's	47: Church, Jr., 12,

Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed the accuracy of these fuel saving claims.\*

### Device may increase gas mileage by 22%

BOSTON - National Fuelsaver Corp. has developed a low cost automotive accessory called the Platinum Gas Saver which is guaranteed to increase gas mileage by 22% while meeting all emission standards.

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gas Saver adds microscopic quantities of platinum to the air-fuel mixture entering the engine.

Since platinum allows non-burning fuel to burn, the Gas Saver's platinum increases the percentage of fuel burning in the engine from 68% of each gallon to 90% of each gallon, a 22% increase.

Since unburnt fuel leaving an

engine is pollution, this 22% of each gallon normally burns when it reaches the platinum of the catalytic converter.

Unfortunately, the converter's platinum burns this fuel in the tail-pipe, where the heat and energy produced from this fuel cannot be harnessed to drive your vehicle.

But when the Gas Saver adds platinum to the air-fuel mixture, 22% more of each gallon burns inside the engine so that 22% fewer gallons are required to drive the same distance.

After a five year study, the government concluded:

"Independent testing shows

gas saver than the 22% claimed by the developer."

In addition to the fuel savings, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making higher grades of fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold a half million Gas Savers. To our surprise, more people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon) than buy it to increase gas mileage or raise octane."

For further information call:

1-800-LESS-GAS

1-800-537-7427

\*To receive the government's written conclusions, email your name and telephone number to nationalfuelsaver@cox.net



High Game Women: D. Calkins, 195; C. Yanniello, 190; S. Romain, 190.

### Northwood

Corky's Karaoke . . . . . 41 - 57

Scott Pittman Builders . . . . . 34 - 64

High Series: P. Faustman, 631; C. Golinick, 596; J. Helsel, 594.

High Game: S. Pittman, 243; P. Faustman, 243; M. Deming, 231.

High Game Women: D. Calkins, 195; C. Yanniello, 190; S. Romain, 190.

Corky's Karaoke . . . . . 31 - 25

Beckett Contracting, Inc . . . . . 30 - 26

Lucky & Laura's . . . . . 29 - 27

Northern MI Financial . . . . . 29 - 27

Grayling Chiropractic . . . . . 28.5 - 27.5

Calkins Excavating . . . . . 27.5 - 28.5

Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . . . 27 - 29

Hometown Furniture . . . . . 22 - 34

High Series: M. Starks, 520; S. Romain, 511; J. Harris, 500.

High Game: T. Rock, 230; T. Day, 208; J. Harris, 194.

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Wednesday, December 25, 2002

11:30 am ~ 6:00 pm

Carved Herb Roasted Prime Rib with Horseradish

Roasted Christmas Goose with Orange Glaze

Sliced Roasted Leg of Lamb with Mint Sauce

Pork Loin with Fruit Glaze, Fruit and Sage Dressing

Broccoli and Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce

Honey Glazed Carrots, Deluxe Whipped Redskin Potatoes

Turkey Noodle Soup ~ Chunky Tomato Soup

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Call to make reservations for groups of 10 or more

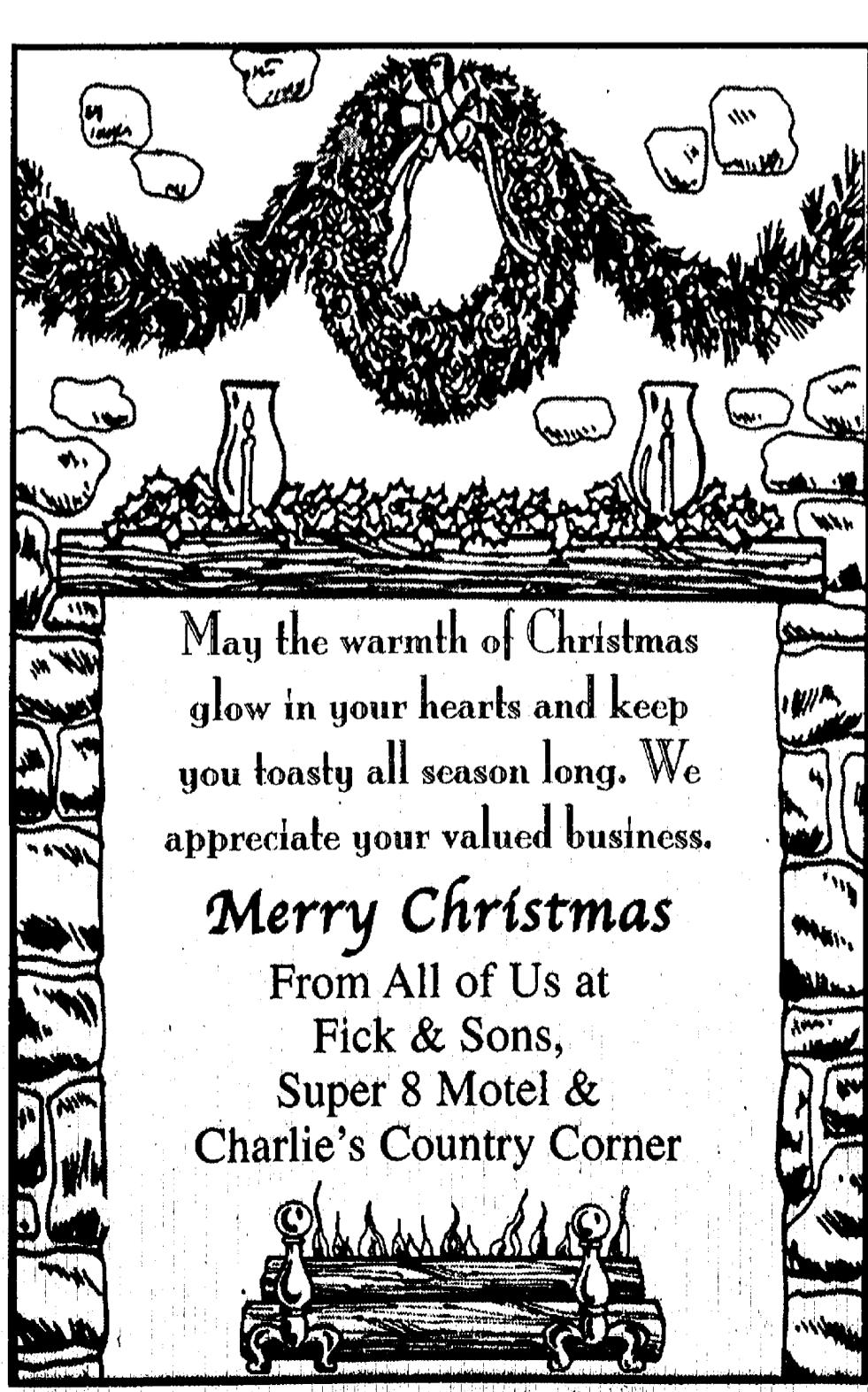
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glow in your hearts and keep  
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## SENDING OUR BEST



To all of you who  
mean so much,  
It's a joy to keep in touch

# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

**December 13, 1979**

The first nine fiscal years of the 1979-80 decade have seen a considerable growth in the physical assets of the City of Grayling.

The year 1971 saw the completion and beginning use of the sewage lagoon.

1972 was the year in which a major start was made on our street construction program.

In 1973, the construction of the Industrial Park was completed.

1974 was the year construction of a new \$55,000 five bay fire station was completed.

1975 was a planning year. A good deal of time was expended in gathering and assembling data for our E.D.A. application concerning the Water System Improvement.

The years 1976-1978 saw the proposed water system improvement project completed.

An extensive training program which began in October of last year ended this week when Crawford County Ambulance Attendants were awarded Emergency Medical Training Technician licenses by the State of Michigan. State law now requires that attendants possess a valid E.M.T. license to engage in road duty.

Among the E.M.T. graduates were Pat Kucharek, Jim Gray, Mahlon Riker and Mike Hauxwell.

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK



#### Savory Potato Wraps

1 cup Mashed Potato Flakes  
4 red pepper or flour tortillas (9-inch)  
1/2 pound cooked turkey breast or ham, thinly sliced (approximately 8 slices) or diced into small chunks  
1 cup shredded lettuce  
1 cup diced red bell pepper or tomato

Prepare potatoes as package directs; cool to room temperature. Spread each tortilla with 1/4 cup mashed potatoes. Top with 2 slices of turkey or ham, 1/4 cup shredded lettuce and red pepper. Roll up and place seam-side down. Makes: 4 wraps.

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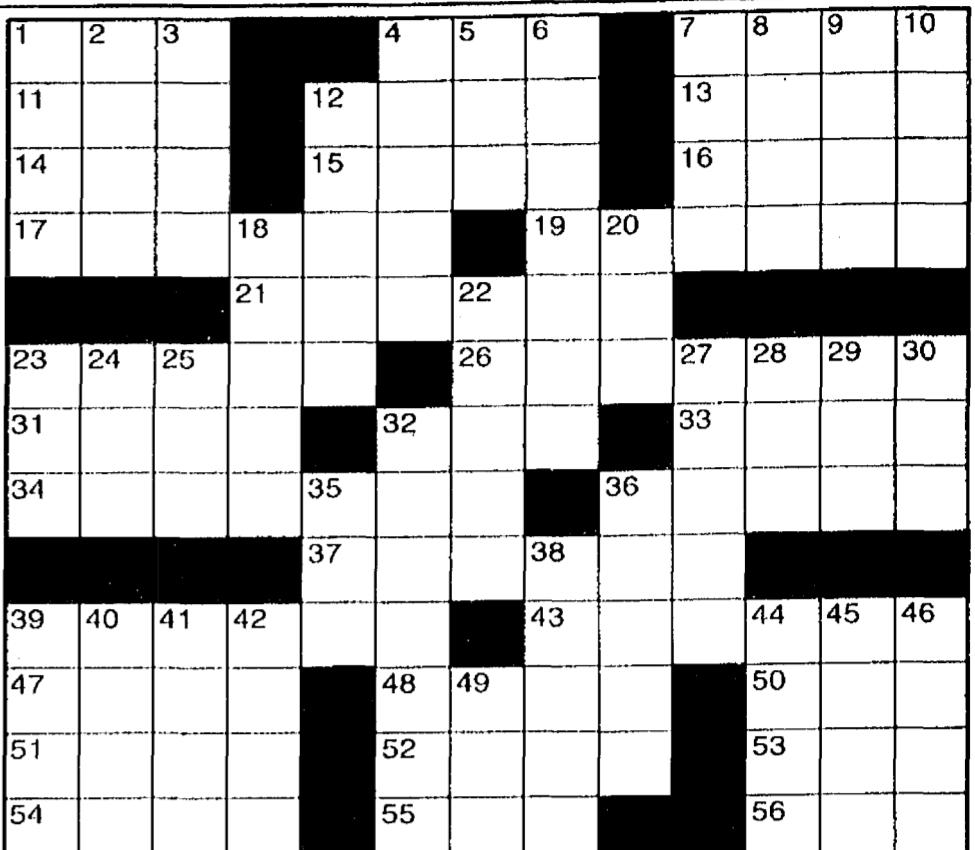
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## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Incline
- Sheepish reply
- Discontinue
- Town southeast of Oklahoma City
- Maintained
- Open
- Mediterranean, e.g.
- "\_\_\_\_\_ misty..." (2 wds.)
- Product
- Type of chop
- Lie down
- Pernicious
- Parks and Conv'y
- Tartness
- Gannon University's locale
- Drill insert
- "As \_\_\_\_\_ as a painted ship..." (Coleridge)
- Hotter under the collar
- Do a double take, perhaps
- Good-luck animal
- Holds tightly
- Gave the boot
- Deceit
- Hence
- Make \_\_\_\_\_ while the sun shines
- Feminine suffix
- Run easily
- Rile
- Blender setting
- Of course!
- Opposite of ssw

### DOWN

- Entry on a to-do list
- Thinker's reward
- Carson's predecessor
- Generate
- Orangutan, e.g.
- What opposes do
- One-liner
- Night \_\_\_\_\_ Night (Reagan film)
- March date
- Scholarly volume
- Toys with tails
- Make changes
- Bush or Clinton
- Filaments
- Actress Benadret
- White-tailed bird
- Finagle
- Ration one's rations
- Scene of the Judgment of Paris
- Doter's treatment: abbr.
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Do I Marvel" (Cullen)
- Monstrous
- Puck
- Say "up and at 'em!"
- Spectacular successes
- Became bigger
- Baseballer Babe
- Italian wine city
- Get through the cracks
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Man
- Realize
- Jerry Van \_\_\_\_\_
- Gardener's tool

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

### Adopt a Pet



Hank is a great dog. He is probably a Lab/Chow mix. He is very friendly and gets along with others. Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

We have four great new games to offer as a fundraiser: Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly! These games are fun while being educational and make a great gift for any kid of any age on your gift-giving list! Only \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. We also have gift baskets for your favorite feline or pooch, cookbooks and much more! Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. in Grayling and at the Avalanche office.

Our "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy today. It, too, makes a great gift.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of December 19, 2002



December 22 -

January 19

Stop dwelling on the negative in your life. Find something positive and build on it. Schedule that appointment you've been putting off.



March 21 -

April 19

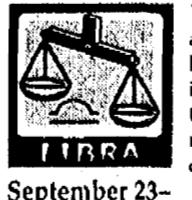
You'll receive several surprises this month. Enjoy them to the fullest and don't forget to say thank you. Set aside time to spend with friends you haven't seen in awhile.



June 22 -

July 22

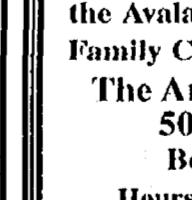
A business proposal has been presented to you. Consider it carefully and make sure you understand what is involved if you say yes. Make plans for a special family outing.



September 23 -

October 22

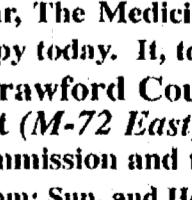
You have the feeling all is not right at home. Trust your intuition, uncover the problem and resolve the matter quickly but fairly.



October 23 -

November 21

You dream of better things. Now is the time to make those dreams come true. Go back to school, sign up for an exercise class, modify your diet... do whatever it takes to fulfill your dreams.



December 22 -

January 19

Something magical is about to happen that is sure to raise your spirits. A family member returns from a trip with some unexpected news.

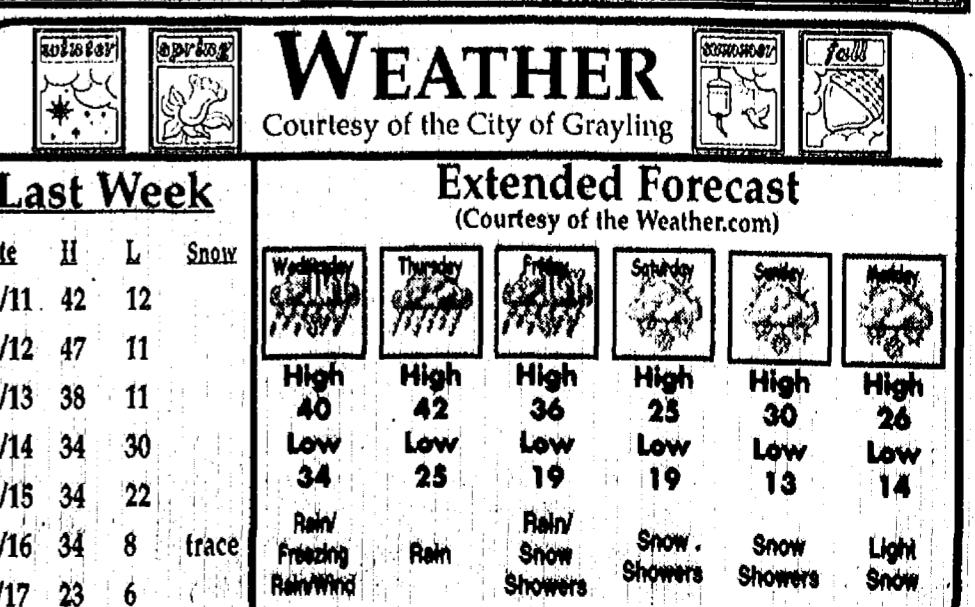


February 19 -

March 20

Finding time for your family, much less yourself, has been difficult. A change of scenery is in order. Make the most of it.

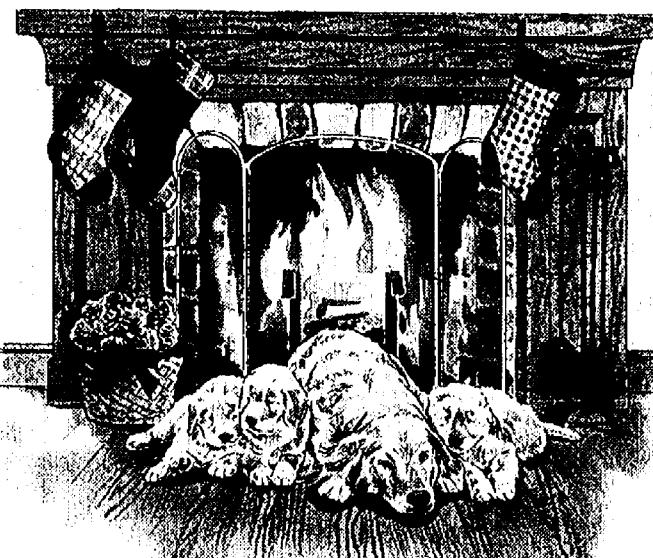
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# SEASONS GREETINGS

"Not a creature  
was stirring..."

May all your hopes and dreams come true this holiday season.  
It's really great having you for our friends.



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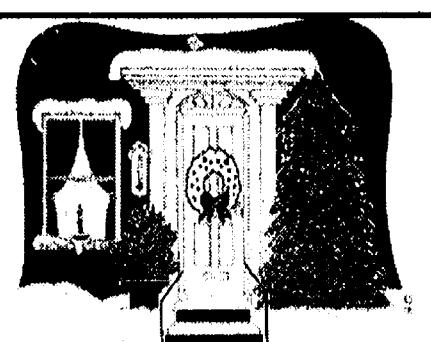
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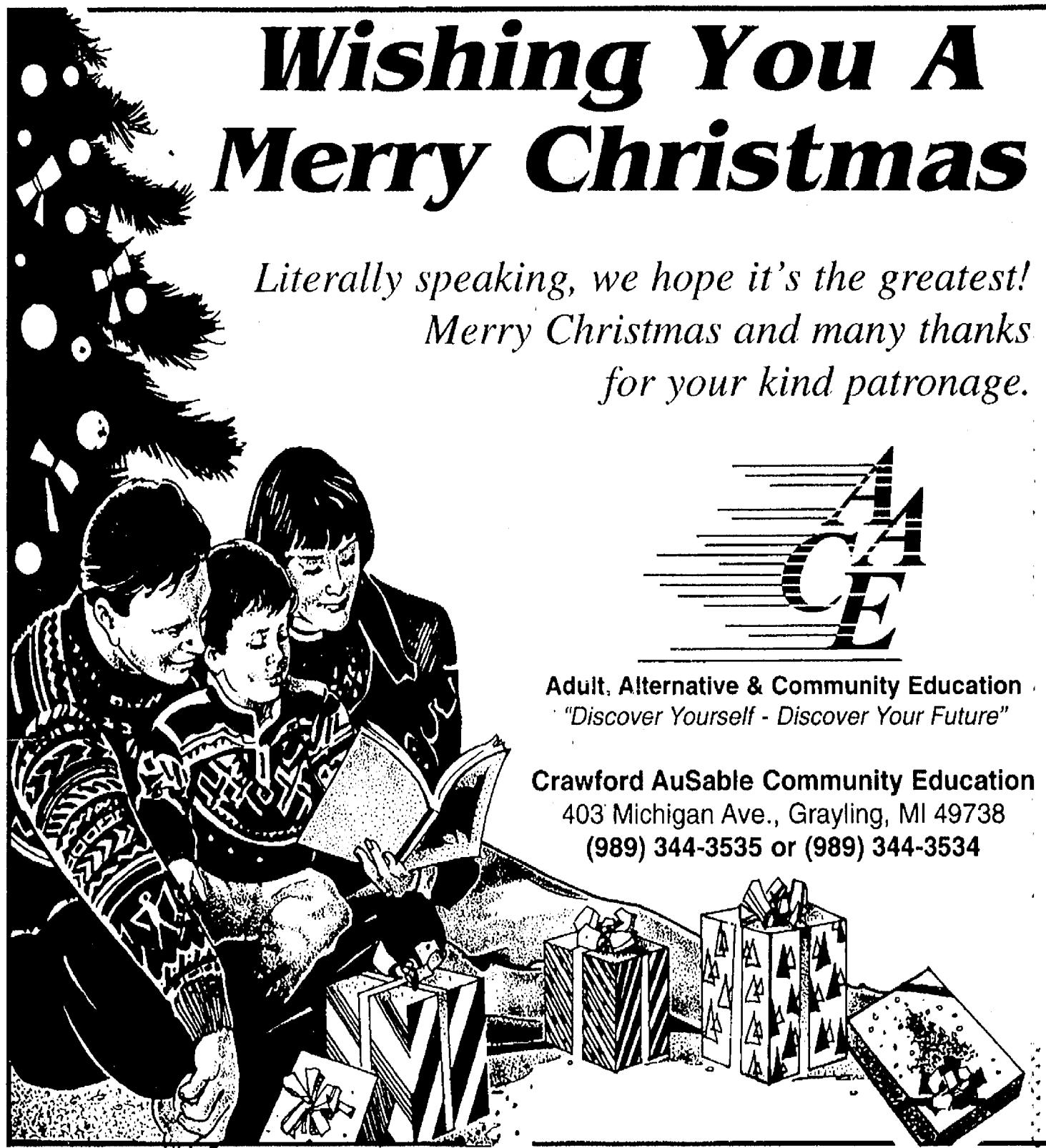
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## Season's Greetings



Pictured: Carrie O'Dell, Annette Metzer, Kay Osowski, Doronda Klee, George Stancil, Linda Northrop, Ron Thomson, and Paul Thomson.

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and every one of you a season filled with  
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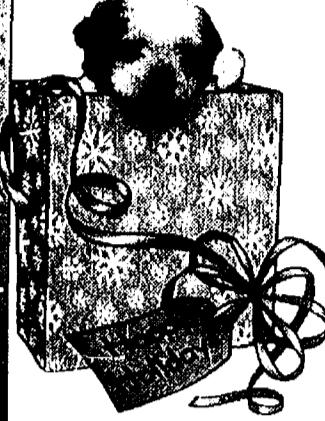
We are all  
God's Creatures..

*May God bless you and yours  
this holiday season.*

*Thank you for all  
your support.*

*Merry Christmas  
and have a  
Happy New Year.*

## *The Animal Shelter of Crawford County*



Have A Glowing Season!

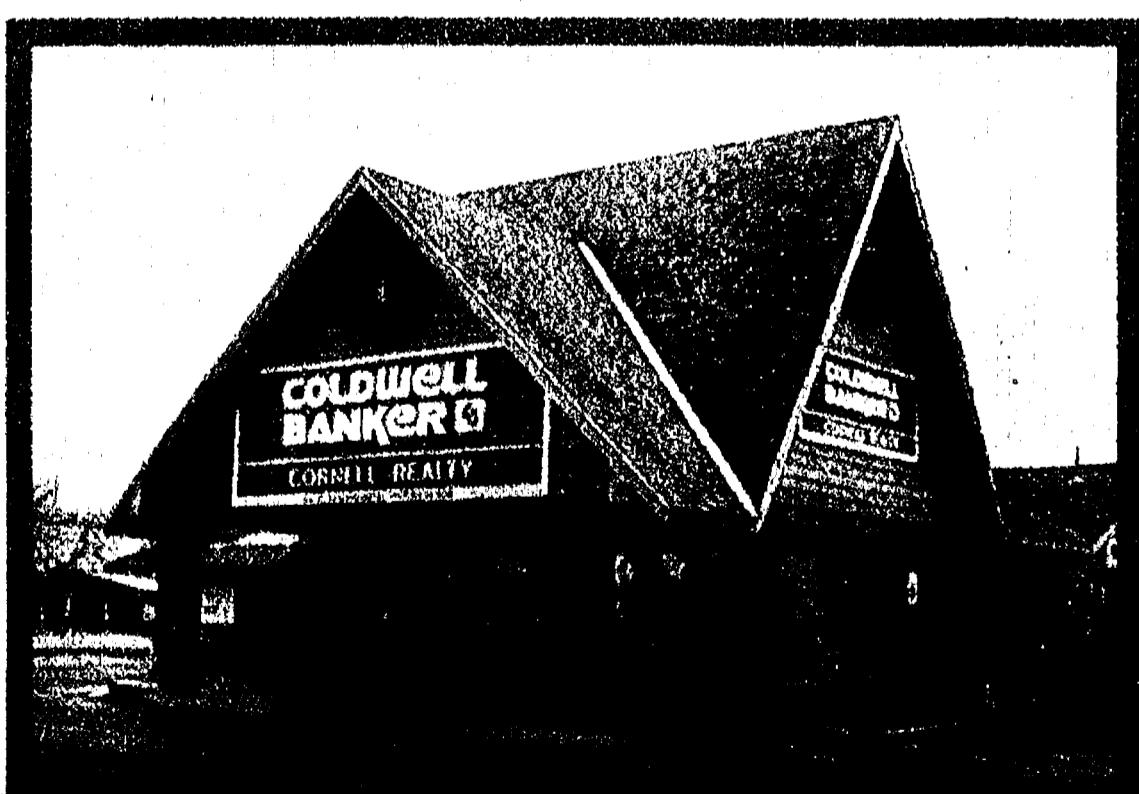
As we throw another yule log on the fire, our thoughts are with the many fine folk we've had the privilege to know and serve this past year. May contentment and joy warm your heart this holiday season.

# Ferrellgas



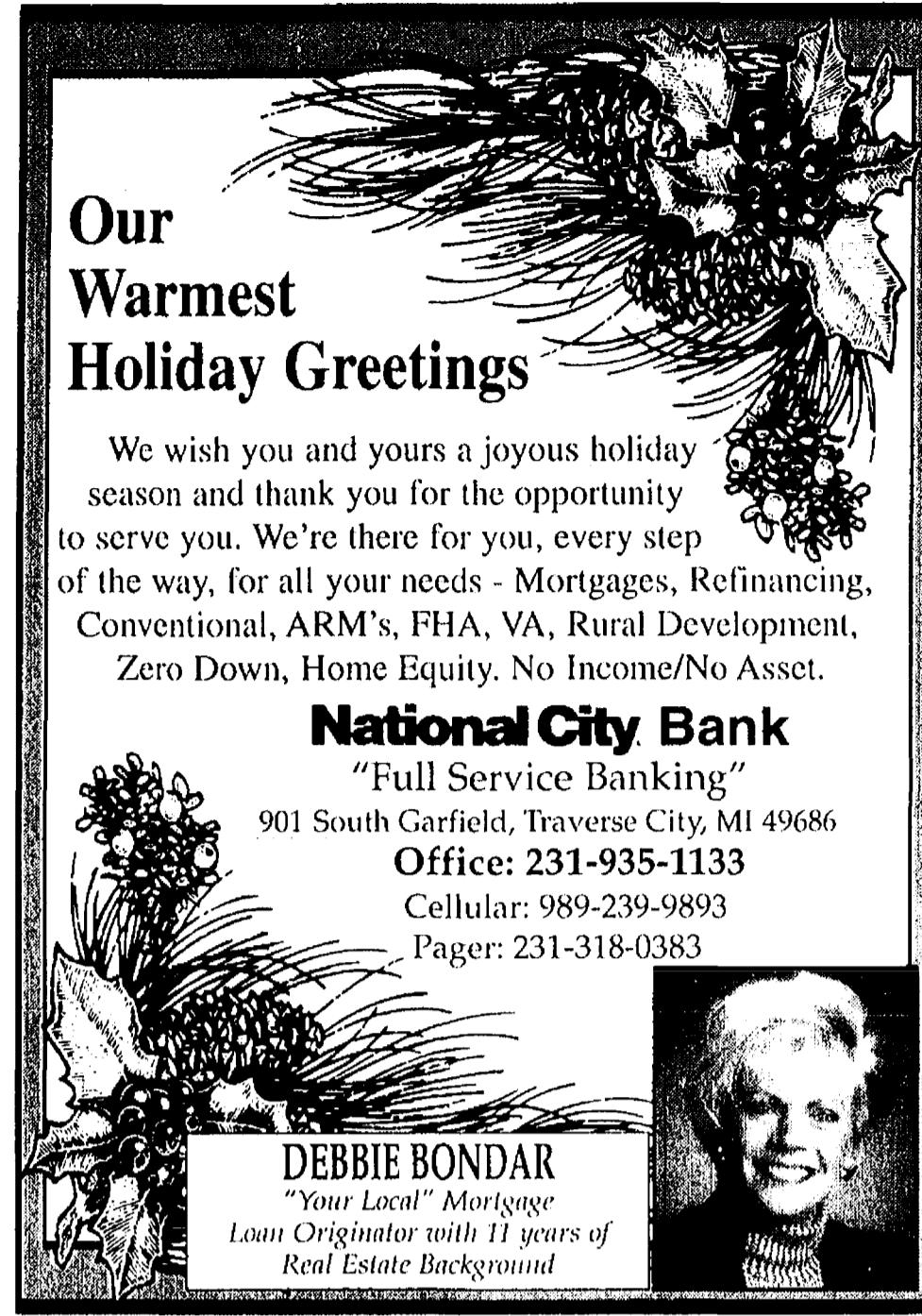
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LONG AFTER THE TREE AND  
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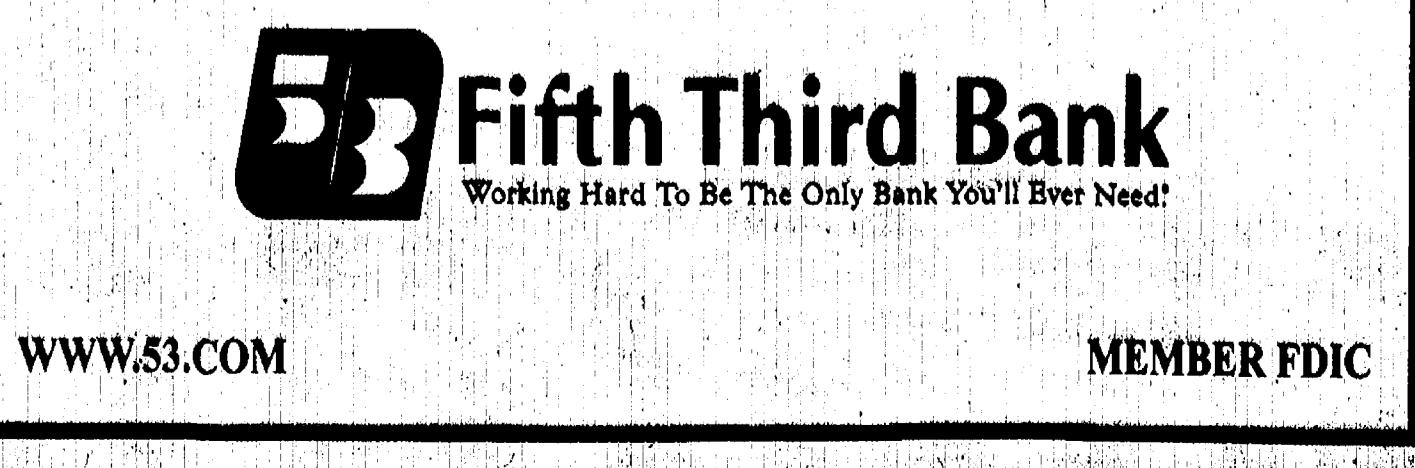
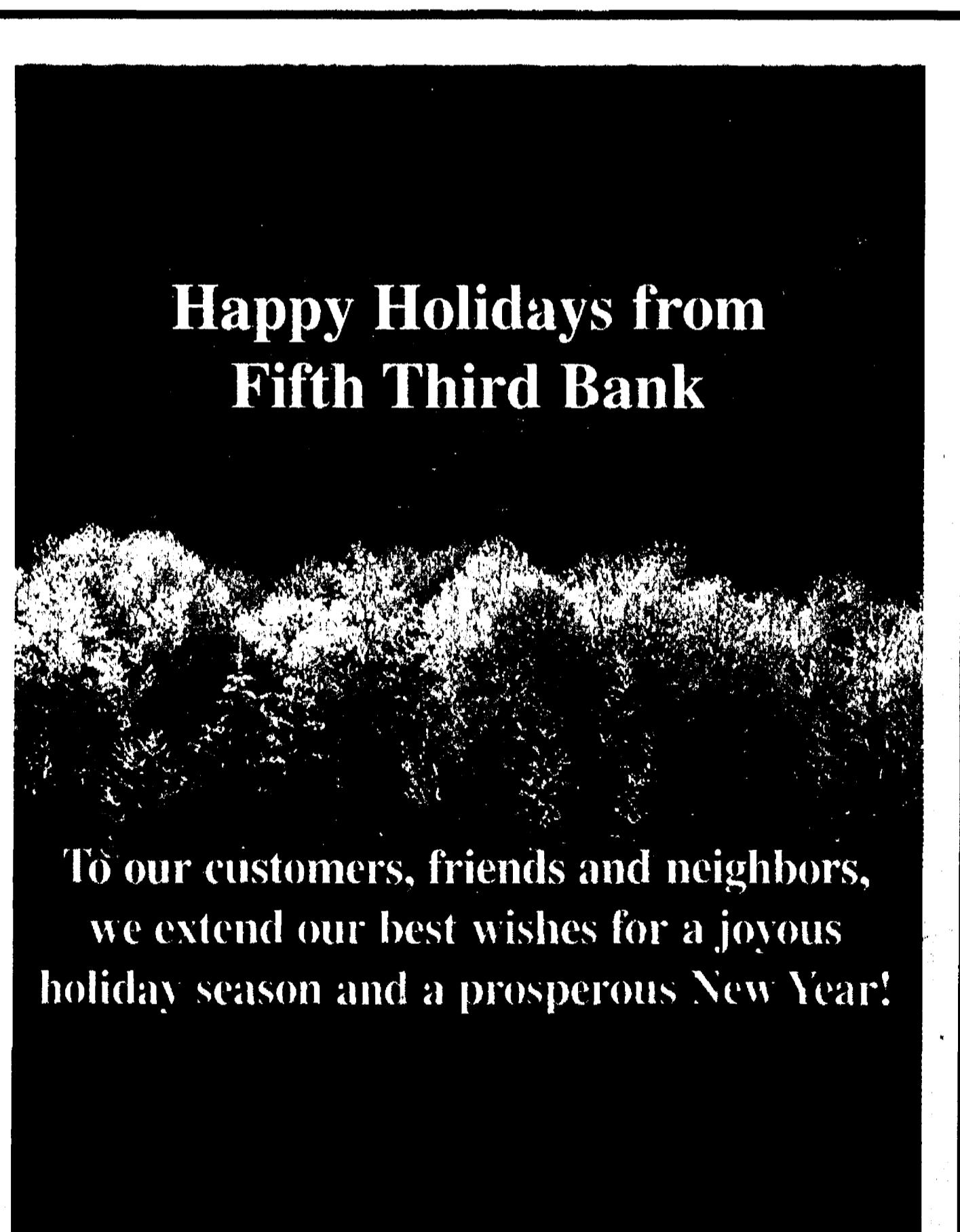
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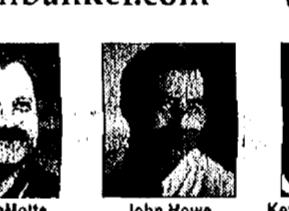


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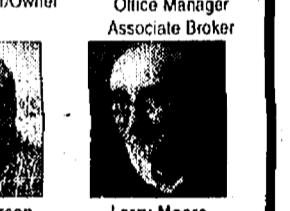
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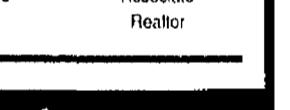
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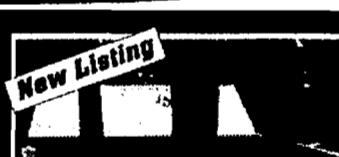
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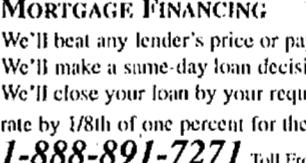
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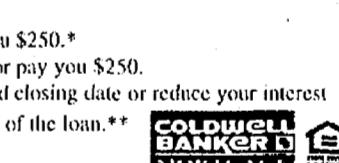
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# Uof M program targets prostate cancer, on quest for the best cure

This year, more than 180,000 American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Another 35,000 will die because of it.

Now, for the first time, a national trial will compare two major forms of prostate cancer treatment to determine which is the most effective cure.

The SPIRIT trial, to take place at

multiple prostate cancer centers across North America, will compare seed implant therapy to the surgical removal of the prostate, or prostatectomy, says Martin Sanda, M.D., a urologist and associate director of the University of Michigan Health System's Prostate Cancer Program.

The trial was developed through

surgeons and radiation oncologists at the University of Washington, Princess Margaret and Sunnybrook Hospitals in Toronto, Duke University and University of Michigan. It hopes to enroll 2,000 patients across the United States and Canada.

"We know both options are effective ways to treat prostate cancer,"

says Sanda. "What we don't know is how they will compare two, five or 10 years after treatment, in terms of their effects on survival and quality of life."

The prostate gland is found only in men. It's about the size of a walnut and is located below the bladder in front of the rectum. The urethra, the tube that carries urine, runs

through it.

Cancer occurs when cells in the gland begin to grow out of control. Most of the time, prostate cancer grows very slowly. Occasionally, though, it can grow quickly and spread to other parts of the body like the lymph nodes or other organs.

Because it grows at different rates, how an individual patient's

prostate cancer behaves is critical to determining whether he is eligible to participate in the study.

Those who are eligible to participate in the study will be randomly assigned to receive one of the two treatments.

Seed implant therapy involves inserting tiny radioactive seeds into the prostate. The first step, says Patrick McLaughlin, M.D., a radiation oncologist at the UMHS, is to take a picture of the prostate gland. "Since prostates range in size, we use the image to determine how many seeds should be implanted and where they should be placed."

Several seeds are implanted during an operating room procedure. Checks are done to make sure the seeds are in the right place. This procedure allows the patient to go home the same day, but several additional follow-up scans are necessary to confirm the seeds are indeed where they are supposed to be.

"The outcome of this procedure is directly related to the quality of the implant," says McLaughlin. "Good implants are very, very effective at curing the cancer."

In contrast to seed implant therapy, prostatectomy involves the removal of the prostate gland during a two- to three-hour procedure. After the prostate is removed, the bladder and the urethra are reattached.

"For most patients, this is the only treatment they'll ever need, and it's unlikely their cancer will ever recur," says Sanda.

Some of the common side effects of either prostatectomy or seed implants include erectile dysfunction and temporary urinary problems.

The SPIRIT trial won't just use cancer survival rates to determine the most effective cure. Researchers also will use confidential patient surveys to evaluate patients' quality of life and the presence of side effects after seed implant therapy and surgical removal of the cancer.

"We've come to a juncture where providing quality care goes beyond just curing the cancer," says Sanda. "Now, we want to do more. We want to cure the cancer and know the patient has a high quality of life and an outcome with which he can be happy."

To learn more about research studies conducted at UMHS, contact the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center at 1-800-865-1125.

For more information, visit the following web sites:

UMHS Health Topics A-Z: Prostate Cancer [www.med.umich.edu/1libr/cancer/er.html](http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/cancer/er.html)

UMHS Health Topics A-Z: PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen) Screening for Prostate Cancer [www.med.umich.edu/1libr/cancer/er.html](http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/cancer/er.html)

U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center: Prostate Cancer Home Page [www.cancer.med.umich.edu/prostacan.html](http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/prostacan.html)

U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center: Patient Education Resource Center [www.cancer.med.umich.edu/learn/leares.htm](http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/learn/leares.htm)

American Cancer Society: All about Prostate Cancer [www.cancer.org/epribe/main/docroot/CRI/CRI\\_I\\_2x?sitearea=LRN&dt=36](http://www.cancer.org/epribe/main/docroot/CRI/CRI_I_2x?sitearea=LRN&dt=36)

National Cancer Institute: Prostate Cancer Home Page [www.cancer.gov/cancer\\_information/cancer\\_type/prostate/](http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/cancer_type/prostate/)

## Facts about Prostate Cancer

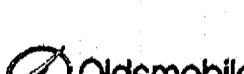
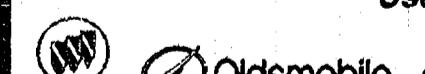
- One in eight men will develop prostate cancer, making it the most common form of cancer among American men.
- Roughly 60 percent of prostate cancer cases diagnosed are in men over the age of 60.
- African Americans and those with a family history of prostate cancer are also at increased risk.
- Men should begin to consider prostate cancer screening at about age 50. Those who are of African-American origin or with a family history of prostate cancer should begin in their mid-40s.
- There are usually no symptoms of prostate cancer when it is in its early stages. Symptoms of advanced disease include blood in the urine, unexplained weight loss and pelvic or bone pain.

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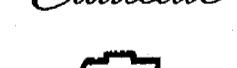
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2003 PONTIAC VIBE	Vibe	Red	Very clean	\$16,488	\$17,988
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1998 DODGE NEON	Neon	Black	Very clean	\$5,988	\$6,488
1993 CADILLAC DEVILLE	Deville	Black	Very clean	\$5,488	\$5,988
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1997 OLDS AURORA	Aurora	Black	Very clean	\$7,488	\$7,988
1998 FORD TAURUS	Taurus	Black	Very clean	\$4,988	\$5,488
1996 BUICK REGAL	Regal	Black	Very clean	\$4,988	\$5,488
2001 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR.	Tahoe	Black	Very clean	\$28,988	\$30,988
1999 SATURN WAGON SW1	SW1	Black	Very clean	\$9,988	\$11,988
1999 PONTIAC SUNFIRE	Sunfire	Black	Very clean	\$9,988	\$11,988
2000 CHEVY PRIZM	Prizm	Black	Very clean	\$7,488	\$8,988
1997 DODGE STRATUS ES	Stratus ES	Black	Very clean	\$4,988	\$5,488
1997 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS	Grand Marquis	Black	Very clean	\$9,988	\$11,988
1999 JEEP CHEROKEE	Cherokee	Black	Very clean	\$12,988	\$14,988
2000 FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 4X4	Ranger	Black	Very clean	\$12,988	\$14,988
2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO	Grand Cherokee Laredo	Black	Very clean	\$12,988	\$14,988
2000 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4	Suburban	Black	Very clean	\$17,988	\$19,988
1999 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4X4	Suburban	Black	Very clean	\$24,988	\$26,988
1998 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT	Trans Sport	Black	Very clean	\$11,988	\$12,988
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1999 CHEVY SUBURBAN	Suburban	Black	Very clean	\$20,988	\$21,988
1998 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER SE	Grand Voyager	Black	Very clean	\$10,488	\$11,988
2000 FORD WINDSTAR	Windstar	Black	Very clean	\$12,488	\$13,988
2001 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR.	Tahoe	Black	Very clean	\$28,988	\$30,988
1999 GMC SONOMA EXT. CAB 4X4	Sonoma	Black	Very clean	\$15,988	\$16,988
1999 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR.	Tahoe	Black	Very clean	\$13,988	\$14,988
1999 S-10 EXT. CAB	S-10	Black	Very clean	\$16,988	\$17,988
1998 FORD EXPLORER	Explorer	Black	Very clean	\$11,988	\$12,988
2000 GMC YUKON 4X4	Yukon	Black	Very clean	\$25,488	\$27,988
2000 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE GLS	Silhouette	Black	Very clean	\$18,988	\$20,988
1998 JEEP WRANGLER	Wrangler	Black	Very clean	\$14,988	\$16,988
2000 PONTIAC MONTANA	Montana	Black	Very clean	\$12,988	\$14,988
2001 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4	Silverado	Black	Very clean	\$22,988	\$24,988
2000 CADILLAC ESCALADE	Escalade	Black	Very clean	\$31,988	\$33,988
2001 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4	Silverado	Black	Very clean	\$22,988	\$24,988
1994 CHEVY BLAZER 4 DR. 4X4	Blazer	Black	Very clean	\$5,988	\$6,988
1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO	Grand Cherokee Laredo	Black	Very clean	\$8,488	\$9,488
1997 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4	Blazer	Black	Very clean	\$9,988	\$11,988
1996 FORD WINDSTAR MINIVAN	Windstar	Black	Very clean	\$6,988	\$8,988
1997 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER	Grand Voyager	Black	Very clean	\$2,988	\$3,988
1999 CHEVY S10 REGULAR CAB	S-10	Black	Very clean	\$8,988	\$9,988
1999 CHEVY TAHOE 4X4	Tahoe	Black	Very clean	\$9,988	\$11,988
1995 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4	Blazer	Black	Very clean	\$6,988	\$8,988
1999 CHEVY S10 REGULAR CAB	S-10	Black	Very clean	\$8,988	\$9,988
1995 CHEVROLET C1500 EXT. CAB	C1500	Black	Very clean	\$9,988	\$11,988

\* Used vehicles priced at \$5000 and up. Prior sales excluded. Effective dates 12/4/02 thru 12/24/02.



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## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy L. Meyers (original mortgagor) to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 24, 1999, and recorded on July 6, 1999 in Liber 485 on Page 256 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated July 9, 1999, which was recorded on August 10, 1999, in Liber 487 on Page 602 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Seven and 08/100 dollars (\$53,167.08), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 14, Block 5, Karen Woods Subdivision, and commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 16, Block 5, Karen Woods thence East on said Lot 22 feet thence South parallel with said Lot 82.5 feet thence West 22 feet thence North on said Lot line 82.5 feet to the point of beginning according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 44 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200233544  
Team S

-19-26-02-09-16

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Denise M. English, a single woman and David L. Demara, a married man to Source One Mortgage Services Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1995, and recorded on October 9, 1995, in Liber 401, on page 164, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, by an assignment dated February 1, 1999, and recorded on April 26, 1999, in Liber 479, on page 585, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$36,895.00), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the Court Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 8, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 1, Block 5 of Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 21, 2002  
Attorney for: Assignee of Mortgagee  
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue  
Suite 300  
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

For information please call:  
(248) 540-7701  
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza  
Buffalo, NY 14203-2399

Trustee for securitization series 1999-2  
Agreement dated 3-01-99  
Assignee of Mortgagee

-21-28-5-12-19

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harold J. Johnson and Roberta M. Johnson, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 9, 1996, and recorded on December 10, 1996 in Liber 422 on Page 481 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated June 1, 1999, which was recorded on November 2, 1999, in Liber 494, on Page 338 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Nine and 04/100 dollars (\$37,339.04), including interest at 8.350% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 15, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, excepting 33 feet off the West side for road purposes. (Tax #20-041-025-Q04-120-00).

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 22, 2002  
GMAC Mortgage Corporation  
Mortgagee  
Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.  
30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

-05-12-19-26-02

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kimberly Bofyil, and Dennis Ray Bofyil, husband and wife to Stone Castle Home Loans, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2000 and recorded September 18, 2000 in Liber 517, Page 519, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned thru mesne assignments to: Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as trustee for Amortizing

Residential Collateral Trust 2001-BC4 assignment dated November 27, 2000, and recorded June 5, 2002 in Liber 584, Page 47, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five and 96/100 (\$71,585.96), including interest at 12.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, January 8, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 28 North, Range 1 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 5, 2002  
For information, please call:

Team X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200232414

Team X

Dated: December 5, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200232414

-05-12-19-26-02

by Rick V. Corbin and Deborah K. Corbin, his wife FNA Rick V. Corbin and Deborah K. Love to Contimortage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 8, 1998, and recorded on October 21, 1998, in Liber 466, on page 43 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-4, Agreement dated 12-17-98, by an assignment dated February 15, 2001, and recorded on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, on page 552 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty three thousand three hundred fifty seven and 19/100 dollars (\$43,357.19), including interest at 11.450% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lots #229 and #230, Northern Heights, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 19, 2002  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage  
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue  
Suite 300  
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616  
(248) 540-7701

Manufacturers & Traders

Trust Company, Trustee for

Securitization Series 1998-4,

Agreement dated December 17, 1998

Assignee for Mortgagee

-19-26-02-09

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Valerie Spicer and Lawrence Spicer, Wife and Husband (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 3, 2001, and recorded on August 9, 2001 in Liber 548 on Page 261 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine and 54/100 dollars (\$28,009.54), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 12, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team J (248) 593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200232654

Team J

-12-19-26-02-09

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jayson R. Welser, a married man and Michelle R. Welser, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2001, and recorded on August 16, 2001 in Liber 549 on Page 641 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Nine and 67/100 dollars (\$166,509.67), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 21, Town 27 North, Range 3 West; thence South 01 degree 13 minutes West, 265.96 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes West, 1303.59 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 01 degree 06 minutes 35 seconds East, 275 feet, thence North 74 degrees 15 minutes 11 seconds 35 seconds East, 275 feet; thence North 74 degrees 15 seconds East, 75 feet, thence South 25 degrees 16 minutes 19 seconds West, 381.60 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes West, 350 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 12, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Team X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200232413

Team X

-12-19-26-02-09

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence Spicer and Valerie Spicer, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety (original mortgagors) to Rock Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 29, 1999, and recorded on August 12, 1999 in Liber 488 on Page 281 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated July 29, 1999, which was recorded on July 31, 2001, in Liber 545 on Page 408 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eight and 85/100 dollars (\$95,708.85), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 15, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

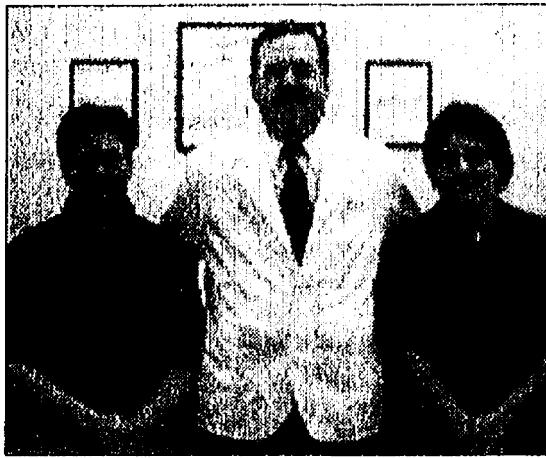
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# SEASONS GREETINGS

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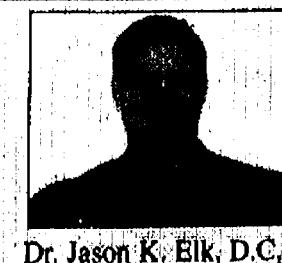
It's a privilege & a pleasure to serve you & we all wish you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all of us here at 7-Eleven



## Old St. Nick Had A Crick

Twas the day before Christmas, but there was not cheer. No jingle bells jingled, no sound of reindeer. The word had got out that Santa was sick, there'd be no friendly visit from a sick St. Nick. The people were sad; no gaily sounded. For Christmas had come, but Santa was grounded. He walked down the street and what should he see? On a sign was printed, Dr. Jason K. Elk, D.C. Now, Santa was not one to like a new tactic, but all else had failed so he'd try chiropractic. In a very short time, to judge by the clock, He was in the adjustment room talking to Doc. It must be the hurry, the tension, 'nd all. I simply can't seem to get on the ball. Life used to be easy, just toys, guns and whistles. Now I have to dodge fall-out, spaceships and missiles. "And Doc, take a look at the size of this pack! Have you any idea what it does to my back?" Poor Santa was miserable, just barely able, With the help of the doctor, to get on the table. The doctor was gentle. Without fuss or tassel. He examined the vertebrae and relaxed the muscles. He spotted the trouble, and then with a click Started aligning the ailing St. Nick. And Santa felt aches and pains slipping away. In no time all he began feeling glow, And a healthy Kris Kringle was rarin' to go. As he went out the door, he threw the receptionist a kiss. Why, it has been centuries since he felt good as this! Then once more he shouldered the bagful of toys, His heart overflowing with true Christmas joys.

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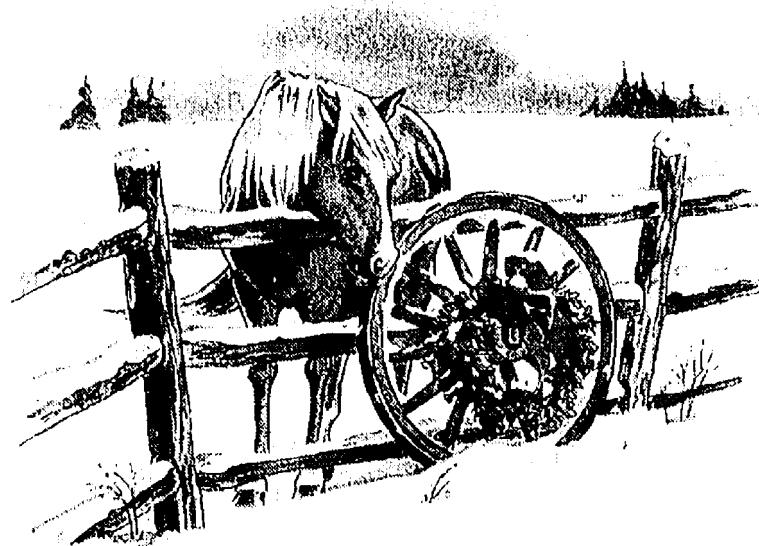
## Holiday Greetings!

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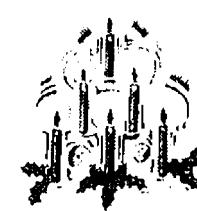
## All The Best At Christmas

Here's hoping your holiday season turns out to be a real classic. May it be filled with good old-fashioned days of friendship, love and laughter.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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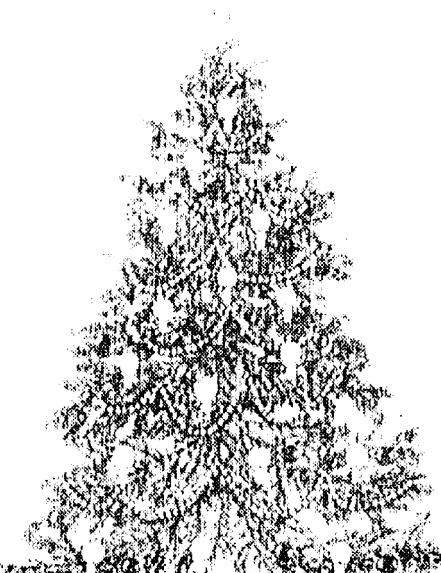
## Holiday Blessings



We appreciate the opportunity to know and serve so many friends. We wish all of you the very best this holiday season.

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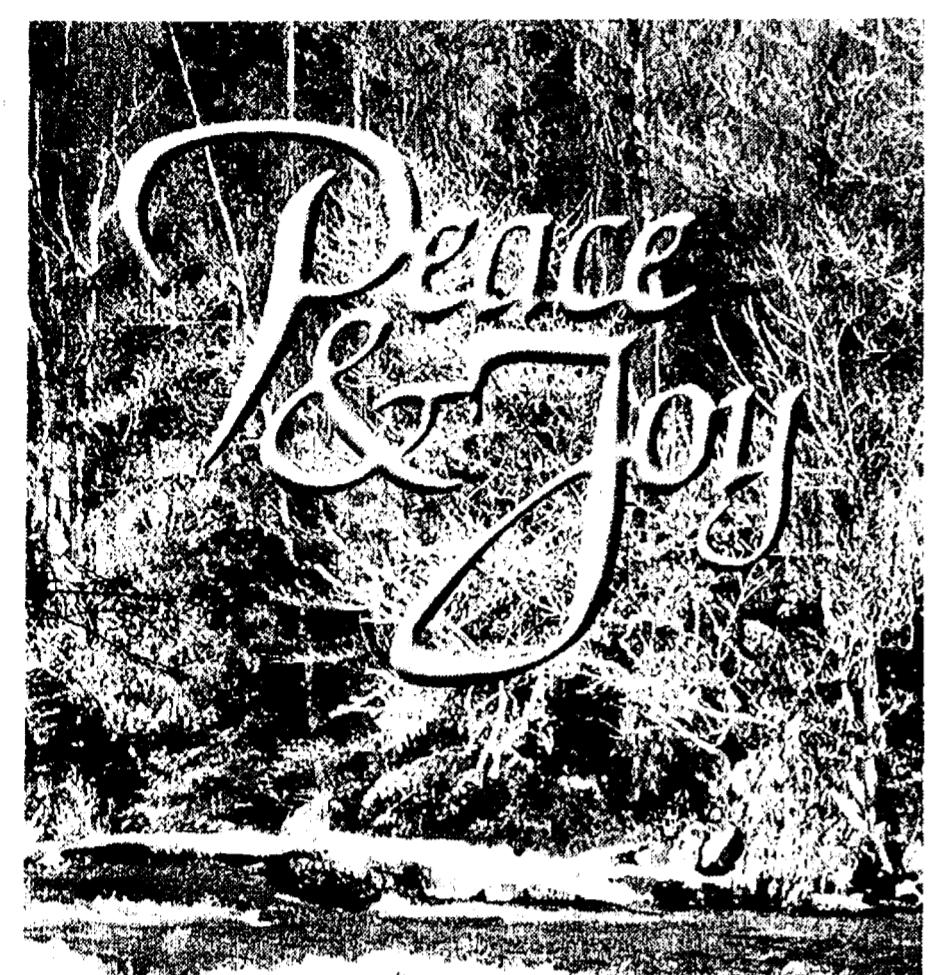
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Dec. 25



# SEASONS GREETINGS



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## Season's Greetings

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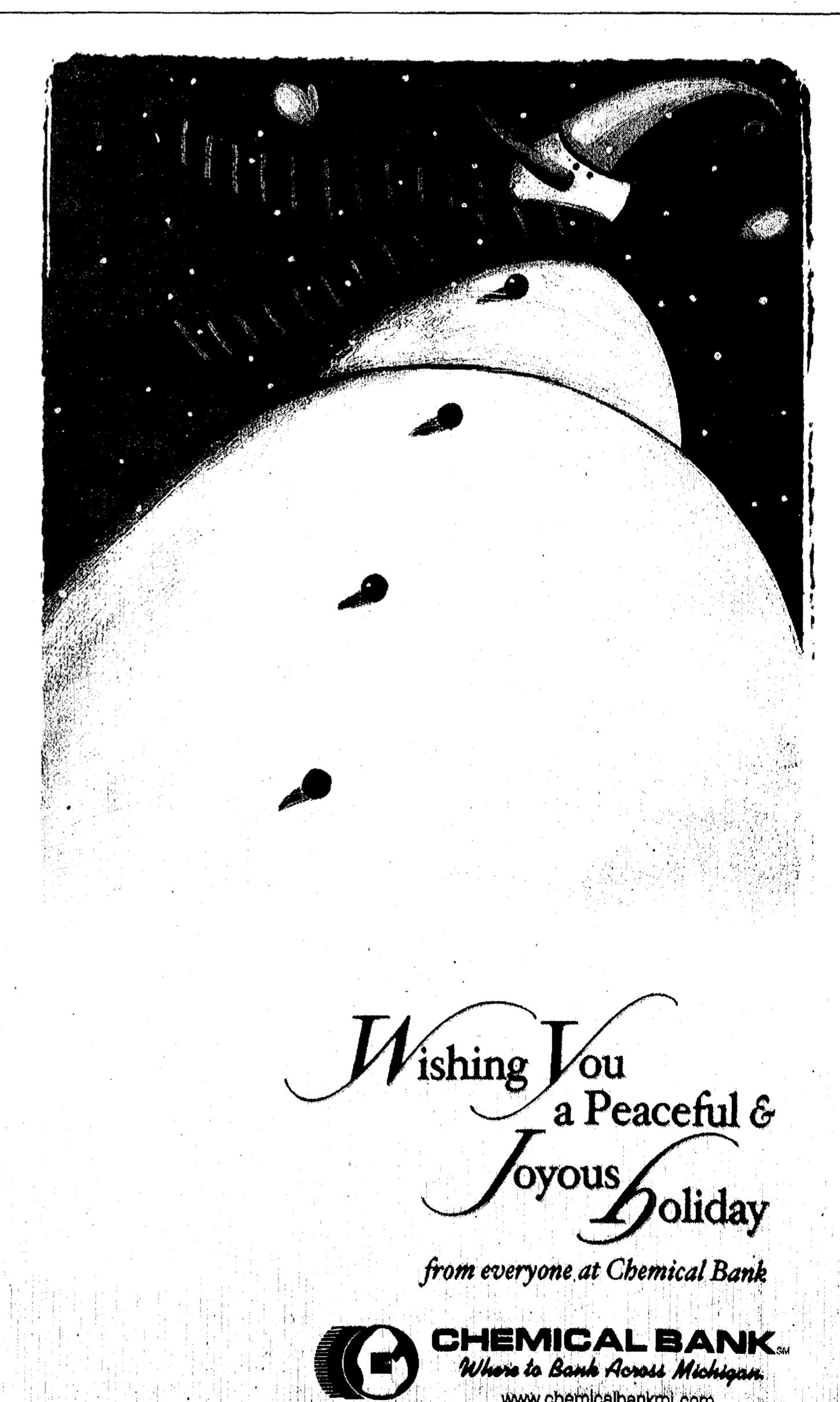
It brings us great joy to celebrate with friends so loving and true. Have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday.



Thanks for gracing us with your friendship.

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